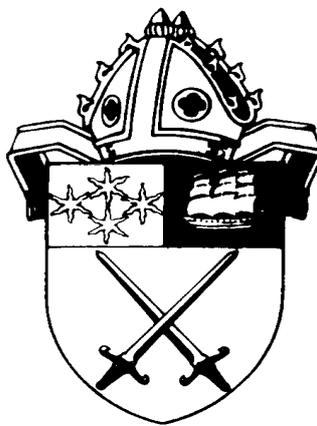


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Boniface Care

Meeting Human Need Through Loving Service

BONIFACE CARE

Mission

Boniface Care was formerly known as the Bunbury Diocesan Anglicare Council (BDAC). The name Boniface is derived from a Latin word meaning 'doer of good'. With this in mind, Boniface Care was established in the Diocese by Bishop Allan in 2015 with Archdeacon Joe Hopkins as the Chairperson. Boniface Care is the Bunbury Diocese's key parish-based mission and outreach agency.

Our Vision is 'A transformed Christian society'.

Our Mission is to see Anglicans lovingly serving the people of the South West and Great Southern WA.

Our Philosophy is to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom while responding to human need using loving service; and, seeking to transform unjust structures of society wherever we encounter them. We focus our energy and resources on the ministries already provided within Parishes and on new ministries parishes wish to start up.

Boniface Care is established by the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury to promote without discrimination, the ministry for the relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution or helplessness, or as deemed appropriate by the Bishop-in-Council throughout the Diocese of Bunbury.

Boniface Care uses its funds to supplement and strengthen ministries provided by the parishes and other ministries of the Diocese; we aim to assist and empower people to overcome crisis situations in their lives, through emergency relief, referral for financial counselling, the distribution of food and clothing, plus soup kitchens and school breakfast clubs. In addition to this Boniface Care uses its voice to speak to unjust structures and systems, hoping to enable transformational justice to those who live in society's shadows.

This is currently done in a variety of ways:

- Providing administration, oversight, and distribution of Emergency Relief (ER) Funds
- Providing grants for ministry initiatives in individual parishes

BONIFACE CARE

- Enabling and supporting partnership activities with Anglicare WA
- Applying for funding grants and contributing to Boniface Care fundraising through partnerships with appropriate bodies including Anglicare WA
- Accepting gifts, donations and grants to enable the purposes of Boniface care.
- Referral to other agencies in this sphere
- Engaging in dialogue with political figures regarding broad issues and personal stories.

People

The Council membership includes a mixture of Bishop's Appointments, Council Appointments and Synod Elected Members. The Bishop and the Diocesan Secretary are ex-officio to the Council.

Bishop's Appointments:

Rev'd Sue Kemp (Bunbury) as Chairperson

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris (Dunsborough)

Synod Reps Elected:

Mrs Jackie Rowland (Coodanup)

Mr. Rod Steel (Bunbury)

Mr. Mike Page (Narrogin)

Boniface Care Appointments:

Mrs. Prue Monettii (Dunsborough)

Rev'd Helen Barnard (Albany)

Mrs Sandra Marriot (Busselton)

Mrs. Helen Bignell (Katanning/Kojonup)

Once again, I pass on my thanks to each of these people for their willingness and passion as members of the Boniface Care Council, I appreciate the knowledge and skill that each of these people bring to Boniface Care and thank them for their willingness to take on this role.

I would like to thank Joy Fraser-Price and Lesley de Munck, who stepped down this year, for their contribution to the committee and wish them all the best in the future.

I similarly add my appreciation and thanks to all who assist with Boniface Care in our diocese.

My first year in position as Chair of Boniface Care Committee has been a steep learning curve and I'm not at the summit yet. Thank you to the committee members for your patience. We have experienced recurring difficulties in managing our budget whilst adhering to the need to provide

acquittals to Anglicare WA who manage the grant applications on our behalf.

The time delay between the acquittal process and the approval of the next funds leads to uncertainty and complicates day to day management of each ministry. I am very grateful to those individuals and parishes that make donations to Boniface Care as these funds help to keep us afloat. We saw a significant decrease in the funds allocated to Boniface Care this year, due to reduced demands from the pandemic. Unfortunately, due to the effects of the substantial increase in cost of living for all Australians., we are seeing more people in need rather than less.

Partnerships

We work in partnership with Anglicare WA and have continued our regular quarterly meetings with Lisa Whitaker, Regional Manager South, and Ms Philippa Boldy, Director of Services, to improve our working relationship and ensure we provide the best possible help to all our parishes. We continue to provide ER funds to parishes through substantial Lotterywest grant monies with the assistance of Anglicare WA who carried out all the necessary submission work needed for grant application. Our next round of funding is due in April 2023.

Reverend Sue Kemp
Chair Boniface Care

BUNBURY DIOCESAN CAMPSITE

Mission

Our mission is to provide a place where people can discover the fullness of God's love in Christ, an atmosphere in which to appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's creation and the opportunity to be part of a community that encourages spiritual growth and understanding of others.

The campsite has specific rules under the lease by which it is operated and they include:

- Providing holiday accommodation to financially disadvantaged persons who would not otherwise be able to afford a holiday away from home.
- Camping by groups participating in organised activities of an outdoor recreation, sporting or educational nature and led by trained leaders.
- Provision of accommodation to bona-fide workers of the church.
- Provision of retreat accommodation to persons being counselled or families in inter-family fellowship activities.

Fees have increased this year to \$15 per adult per day and \$11 for children between the ages of 4 and 16. These are to be reviewed on a regular basis going forward. This year we had 3,100 adults plus children visit the park.

The electrical problems detailed last year seem to have been corrected by Western Power and the camp electrician. All the bays have been rewired to 3 phase, replacement domes with upright poles with circuit breakers and Hall floor has been recoated with epoxy resin.

People

Eric and Samantha van der Wacht have been our Manager's at the Campsite for 14 years. Along with their daughters, Natasha and Chelsea, Eric and Sam have built long standing relationships with return campers.

Relationships

The City of Busselton visits the campsite on a regular basis as part of the licensing requirements. Fees charged at the campsite also contribute to the City of Busselton's Coastal Conservation Plan which assists in prevention of the beaches being eroded.



After the craziness of previous years, this year has been a little more normal, although there continues to be a slight reduction in travellers and backpackers have not returned yet. Some of our elderly campers have sold their outfits in the past 12 months and will no longer be visiting us.

Christmas/New Year period was busy as normal. It is a very hectic time for us with lots of people around and our commitments at church. However, it is a joy to see and hear the families enjoying each other.

February is always a relief as kids go back to school. We fill up with the (slightly) quieter Grey Nomad crowds. Our daughters are now in their teens and Natasha is working as a secretary at our Church, Chelsea plans to commence TAFE in the new year.

June/July/August brings us some much-needed respite with the camp closed for maintenance, our annual leave together with some long service leave. We headed to Broome – nice to sit in the sun whilst it was wet in the south.

Sadly, we have seen the passing of more of our regular campers. A close friend, who we met through camping at the park, also passed away. He has helped us so many times when we have needed back up.

We continue to appreciate the return visitors and how much this place means to so many people.

The phone calls are coming in for future bookings and we are booked out for Christmas already.

***Eric & Sam van der Wacht
Caretakers***



BUNBURY DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL

The Mission Council began meeting via zoom in June 2021 to begin a conversation about how we might restart this group. We have continued to meet via zoom in 2022 every second month and this has given us a good means to connect and discuss mission.

Mission

The meeting agreed that the purpose of the group was:

To share and promote mission initiatives around the diocese.

To encourage networking and shared ideas.

To resource parishes and communities.

To encourage and promote local, national and overseas mission.

People

I thank God for those who have been willing to serve on the C4M Committee. Rev Marion Prowse, Rev Jamie Murray, Rev Cathie Broome, Mrs Lorraine Kennedy and Archdeacon Julie joined the team led by Rev Cn Linley Matthews-Want. We were able to gather a few more to serve on C4M, so Allyson Charles and Marie Woodward were enlisted after Synod until Marie had to resign for health reasons.

Partners

The ongoing partnership with Kapsabet continues to be one of importance. Cn Bill Byleveld who has retired from the Mission Council continues to be a link and connects with Bp Paul regularly and has indicated he hopes to travel to Kapsabet in Feb/Mar 2023 to discuss ways our diocese may continue the partnership. Some parishes have sent donations to the Women's and Children's violence centre in Kapsabet: 2 x 20kg boxes of knitted clothes were gathered by MU members to help at that shelter.

We hope to continue to support a partnership with ABM. Cn Linley has been attending the ABM meetings and was present when Rev John Deane came to Perth to liaise with diocesan reps.

We are also committed to partner with parishes to encourage and support ongoing mission in this diocese.

Foundations

We have developed a Facebook page to promote the work of C4M. We have also developed a newsletter to enable the diocese to be more aware of the many things happening around the diocese. We hope to report to Synod the mission activities over the past two years.

***Rev'd Canon Linley Matthews-Want
Chair of Mission Council***

BUNBURY DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION WORKING PARTY

Mission

The Diocesan Reconciliation Working Party (DRWP) was established by Bishop-in-council in early 2021 as a result of the 2020 Bunbury Synod passing two Motions, one to adopt The Uluru Statement from the Heart; and the second, to offer an Apology to the Noongar Nation for our churches and diocesan lack of awareness and unresolved past hurts. The committee is to give shape to the work of reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the Diocese.

People

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris (chair), Dr Donald Reid, Mrs Susan Davies, Ms Elisabeth Pellicaan and most recently, Ms Rachel-Ann Sambell who joined the group in July 2022.

Rev Dennis Jetta, Noongar Elder as consultant.

Partnership

Achievements in partnership

1. 'Acknowledgement of Country', written and spoken, is used regularly at many parish meetings, gatherings and events, and offered before services where possible, and encouraged across the Diocese. Increasing numbers of parishes are using this on pew sheets, in meetings and services, and in emails and correspondence.
2. Stories of past experiences of our Noongar neighbours are being gathered on audio recordings as we yarn.
3. Clergy were provided training at the November 2021 Clergy Conference on Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and Reconciliation which was profoundly helpful and engaging.
4. An Art Trail between 5 or 6 parishes to illustrate and tell Noongar stories has been put on hold following lengthy exploration and discussion, as we were unable to find a curator and establish a reasonable budget or obtain grants for the concept.
5. A Zoom Gathering was held on 9 July 2022 during NAIDOC week, organised by Dr Don Reid with the assistance of Ms Rachel-Anne Sambell for all Synod Reps and interested parishioners. About 50 – 60 people participated in watching a short film by the Aboriginal film director, Rachel Perkins, describing the history and meaning of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. It was followed by a TedX presentation by Dean Parkin, Director of From The Heart initiative, on what will need to happen next year for a successful Voice to Parliament referendum.
6. Regular updates from the committee are provided in the Ad Clerum and To The People.

7. Regular updates are provided to the Area Deans and to Bishop-in-Council, as well as minutes of the monthly meetings being shared with members of Bishop-in-Council.

Goals for future partnerships

1. A page on the Diocesan Website is to be established shortly for regular reporting on the progress made by this Working Party.
2. An Apology Group is being established to work with Bishop Ian Coutts to draft the words of an Apology to be shared at Synod 2023 and launched in 2024. Membership is being established with our Noongar brothers and sisters.
3. The Lord's Prayer in Noongar has been made available and is being used in services and spoken, recorded and is soon to be placed on the Diocesan website once recordings in both male and female voices are completed.
4. The Working Party is currently gathering significant dates and opportunities for parishes to participate in reconciliation activities, and will seek to provide materials or links to materials for local use. St Boniface Cathedral has undertaken to hold a service for reconciliation in NAIDOC Week in 2023 and for this to become an established part of their worship calendar.

Foundations

Documents which have been written and agreed:

- a. Terms of Reference for the Working Party
- b. A Theology of Justly Remembering
- c. The Guiding Principles for the Working Party

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Chairperson

Diocesan Reconciliation Working Party

BUNBURY DIOCESAN SAFE MINISTRY AUTHORITY

Mission

The Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority is a Standing Committee of Bishop-in-Council (BIC) and Trustees, established in 2019 as part of the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 and commencing work in 2020. Membership comprises: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris, Chairperson, The Ven. Julie Baker, Archdeacon, Mr Ted Kosicki, Principal Georgiana Molloy Anglican School and Rev'd Karen Cave, Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Albany. This membership was updated at the June Bishop-in-Council Meeting, to replace The Ven. Julie Baker with Rev'd Cn Geoff Chadwick once he commences work as Archdeacon.

The DSMA meets approximately five times a year, before each Bishop-in-Council and Trustees' Meetings and reports back to these two groups on its work and seeks its approval for any recommendations.

During the year, the DSMA met:

- 26 October 2021
- 8 February 2022
- 5 April 2022
- 14 June 2022
- The Meeting in August 2022 was cancelled due to the Chairperson's absence.

People

The following decisions have been made and approved by BIC and Trustees during 2021-2022 following Synod in October 2021:

1. The commitment to review the Professional Standards Statute 2004
2. The establishment of a new Database with co-ordination provided by Tiffany Della Vedova and the Diocesan Office, with administrative data entry support for six months during 2021-2022
3. The DSMA Terms of Reference were revised in February and June 2022 to deal with the changes in membership (not including the Diocesan Secretary or Registrar as an ex-officio member) and to approve the change of Archdeacons as a member.
4. There was no progress made by General Synod on the Diocesan Audit.

Partnerships

5. Discussion Points:

- Handling complaints about gender discrimination, patriarchy, racism in the diocese and how this affects safety in church communities. This followed on from the Synod 2021 discussion. This was referred to the Social Justice Commission for consideration via BIC at the April BIC meeting.

- Rectories and co-location issues and implications for Safe Church principles and personal safety considerations and for families involved in abuse allegations.
- Online streaming services which include and involve children – to raise awareness of keeping children safe.
- National Childcare Principles and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to produce a Charter for Children’s Safety.
- Emergency Relief Safe Church Principles in practice
- General Synod and the National Redress Scheme updates, reported regularly to each meeting together with any other Commonwealth claims received by the Diocese.
- Handling of Conflicts of Interest from the NRS
- Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 – Updated by General Synod in early 2022
- Mandatory Reporting – keeping in contact with the Department for Communities, Child Protection and progressing training and information for Ministers of Religion in the Diocese. Rev’d Dr Lucy Morris currently updating the process for online training, recording completion of training, awareness raising and adding to list of requirements for Safe Church. To be completed by 1 November 2022.
- The impact of Intimate Partner Violence, Family and Domestic Violence discussed for safe church principles
- Professional Supervision and its updating and management in line with the General Synod – referred back to Dean Darryl Cotton.
- The vacancy of the Director Professional Standards position located in the Diocese of Perth which occurred in early 2022. The risks and requirements by the Diocese of Bunbury and ongoing conversations with the Diocesan Secretary Perth and the BIC and Trustees as this position is filled. Implications for handling issues during the vacancy were managed.
- An audio-visual resource has been made available for six months – to be distributed and shared following General Synod in May 2022 until November 2022.

Foundations

6. The following Policies were approved by BIC and Trustees:

- Comprehensive Psychological Assessment Policy of Candidates for Ordination Approved November 2021
- Screening Policy updated and approved November 2021
- Oversight Committee Role updated and approved June 2022
- Safe Church Contact Person Job Description updated and approved June 2022
- A Charter for Children’s Safety – designed on National Childcare Principles and approved June 2022

7. Policies currently being Reviewed

- Safe Ministry to Persons of Concern – still being rewritten and researched with other dioceses.

Summary

The work of keeping our children, vulnerable people and all our churches and communities safe, is sustained and led by the DSMA reporting to a vigilant BIC and Trustees. My grateful thanks to the DSMA Members for their support and tireless hard work on behalf of the Diocese so we can all flourish and grow in God's kingdom.

On behalf of the DSMA Members, I commend this Report to Synod.

Rev'd. Dr Lucy Morris
Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority Chairperson

BUNBURY DIOCESAN SUSTAINABLE LIVING GROUP WORKING PARTY

Mission

This group was formed by Bishop-in-Council in 2019 and has based its aims on the 5th Mark of Mission; “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life on earth”.

The intention is to:

Raise awareness of sustainable living in Parishes and across the Diocese.
Promote change of behaviours of Parishes and individuals to achieve the objectives of sustainability.

A recommendation for Churches to observe PLASTIC FREE JULY along with suitable Liturgy was continued this year.

People

Chairperson Adrian Price of Boyup Brook, Secretary Revd Justine Richmond of Busselton, members Andrea Nicholson of Oyster Harbour and Elisabeth Pellicaan of Bridgetown. More members are very welcome. It is hoped that each Parish will nominate a person to provide and receive information for and from their Parish.

Our meetings are generally as required, face-face when convenient and ZOOM has been an option. Most communications have been by email, enabling transport and travelling time to be kept to a minimum.

Partnerships

Perhaps not generally known, many Local Governments within the Diocese have formed regional groups relating to sustainability. Many schools have sustainability committees. One of the things the Sustainable Living Working Party would like to do is to encourage parishes to offer support to local sustainability initiatives. As a result of initial discussions, Georgiana Molloy Anglican School has just begun a new service program with a community organisation in Busselton called the People Place. Students will now assist to sort the recycling they collect from people in the community. We hope to assist more partnerships to be formed into the future.

Foundations

Sustainable Living Working Party reports to Bishop-in-Council after each meeting and Bishop Ian includes articles on Sustainability in the monthly newsletter: “To the People”.

***Adrian Price
Chairperson***



CURSILLO

The past 2 1/2 years have been difficult for most groups which are based around groups of people meeting together in fellowship and worship. So too Cursillo have found it challenging.

Cursillo is not just about meeting together. The Cursillo method is about making a difference to the situation you find yourself in. In the past we have thought of this as the physical situation, that is the place or community you find yourself in. The method however can and should also be considered from the point of the spiritual place you find yourself in. Over the challenging times of the past 2 1/2 years and that which lies ahead we need to understand what spiritual situation we find ourselves in and praying about how can we make a difference.

What changes can we make in our spiritual lives that will make a difference to our relationship with God. What difference can my spiritual journey or pilgrimage make to others and what can I do in the circumstances to encourage and inspire others?

Our challenge in the Bunbury Diocese Cursillo movement is to work with the Bishop's strategic plan to make a difference to engage in the diocesan life and to adapt.

***Ultreya
Canon Ian Mabey***

DEANERY REPORTS

BLACKWOOD DEANERY

Blackwood Deanery continues to be blessed with its people and locations as we reflect on the last year and its challenges and joys for the year ahead.

Mission

This year has continued to see us working hard in our parishes and across the Deanery to support one another and spread God's mission. We continue to work on the Diocesan Strategic Plan with a focus during the last year on prayer across the deanery and in each parish. The Deanery also focused on shared lives, experiences and support in challenging times.

People

We were sad to farewell Rev'd Dr Sarah MacPherson and her husband Rev'd Dr Stewart MacPherson who left their parish following Sarah's resignation at the end of the Easter services in April 2022. The parish of Augusta-Margaret River is now in an interregnum as they worked on their parish profile. They are now praying for discernment as they seek a new priest. Their Wardens and lay leaders are to be commended for their ongoing work for the parish. In the meantime, Rev'd Mary Esslemont continues to provide ordained support, as we work through weddings and funerals and baptisms and meeting Sunday service rosters.

Several of our members have also continued to experience illness and injury over the last year, including Rev'd Cn Karon Austin, Rev'd Rodger Bull, Rev'd Carol Reid and Rev'd Dennis Caporn. Rev'd Rose Guok lost her mother during the year and managed a trip to Singapore once the covid restrictions were lifted and before she died. She went back to take the service in Singapore for her family. We also mourned with Rev'd Mary Esslemont on the death of her husband Iain earlier this year after years of ill health and cared for by Rev'd Mary and in his final months at Mirrambeena, Margaret River.

Our Deanery team includes Rev'd Earle Chamberlain, Rev'd Mary Esslemont, Rev'd Dennis Caporn, Rev'd Justine Richmond, Rev'd Carol Reid, Rev'd Carolyn Cohen, Rev'd Rose Guok, Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris, Rev'd Cn Karon Austin and Rev'd Rodger Bull. Consequently, our deanery chapter is flourishing and maintaining strong connections.

The Deanery Chapter members continue to be clear during this season about what is needed, with the main focus of our gatherings being on peer support. In the meantime, the Area Dean continues to provide information and support for clergy in their work as required. Our Deanery meetings make the most of the time offered at our Clergy Retreat in May each year and Clergy conference each November for meetings, and additional dates and times are set for the year ahead.

Partnerships

This year has seen the Deanery continue to focus on the implementation of Professional Supervision requirements; changes to the LLM licensing requirements; the ongoing Safe Church expectations; mandatory reporting and the changing church landscape affected by covid-19, and the ongoing debate held at both General Synod in May 2022 in Queensland after a delay of two years and at the Lambeth Conference, over human dignity and sexuality.

We continue to work with the Diocesan office and across the Diocese on issues raised by the parishes. We implemented for the first time, a peer support programme for clergy with people from each deanery trained in how to respond to critical incidents. We work as parishes and in the deanery with Anglicare WA, Boniface Care and Georgiana Molloy Anglican School (GMAS) to name just a few of the organisations with which we work.

Some work has continued to be done on homelessness and housing which is a real problem in the southwest, with connections with other NGOs and our local politicians being strengthened. In addition, the focus on F&DV (Family and Domestic Violence) with the Anglican Church of Australia research into IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) being announced has highlighted Safe Church issues. The ongoing focus on Safe Church and its requirements has ensured clergy need to be across the matters of screening, worshipping agreements and these governance matters. We have also increased our focus on our reconciliation with our First Nations sisters and brothers, through the Diocesan Reconciliation Working Party. This has encouraged our parishes to include Acknowledgement of Country at the start of meetings, gatherings and services, to say the Lord's Prayer in Noongar, and to learn more deeply and appreciatively, their stories arising from white invasion and settlement and how we can be involved in making a difference to them as a church community.

Foundations

There is ongoing work to be done with Op Shops to enable and assist parishes to maintain their income. The slowness of recruitment to fill vacancies is a real challenge for our parishes in times of interregnum and the ageing of volunteers to maintain services while waiting does not become any easier.

The Aboriginal season in which I am writing this report is known as Djilba, the first season of spring, forecasting new beginnings (August-September). Currently, it is cold, wet and windy with much damage being done to flora and fauna.

In all this wild weather, the constant presence and support of one another in our lives is life-giving and I am grateful to all our Deanery members for their generosity and kindness in all their decisions and actions across the Deanery and for their support to one another during the last year. I commend the report to Synod and to my sisters and brothers in the Deanery.

***Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris,
Area Dean
Blackwood Deanery***



GOLDSMITH DEANERY

Goldsmith Deanery covers the parishes of Australind, Boyanup, Brunswick-Burekup, Carey Park, Cathedral, Collie, Gelorup, Harvey.

Mission

Goldsmith Deanery Chapter wanted to support the first year goal of Diocesan Vision and Strategic Plan which is “Deepening and growing our prayerfulness as individuals, groups and churches”. And our parishes have done this in various ways including participating in the Diocesan Bible Study “Deeper Prayer”.

As a Deanery we are wanted to serve all the Diocese by holding a day to explore prayer in its various facets in March but COVID delayed this initiative until September 17th (after this report is composed but before Synod when we will be able to give an update).

At our ‘Explore Prayer’ day we will be offering workshops on: Prayer and Music, Meditation or Contemplation?, Praying and Drawing, Prayer Walking, Praying with Icons, Healing Prayer, Extemporaneous Prayer, Kinaesthetic Prayer, Encouraging Children to Pray, using the Lord’s Prayer as a template, Praying with Anglican Prayer Beads.

Thank you everyone (lay and clergy alike) for your gift of your wisdom, time and skills to this special day.

People

In our Deanery the Chapter has settled into a pattern of a mixture of in-person meetings and Zoom meetings. The reduction in travel is appreciated by all and our planet.

The mighty efforts of parishioners in serving and leading in their ministries in their parishes (especially during COVID times) is acknowledged and cherished by all the leaders in the parishes.

With two (soon to be three) vacant parishes and other ministries short of clergy the servant hearted ministry of our retired clergy is greatly appreciated.

Goldsmith Deanery is privileged to have two candidates for ordination (Rod and Darcy) working and studying in the Deanery

We welcome Rev’d Nick Freeland to our Deanery (Precentor at the Cathedral and also Diocesan Secretary and Registrar) and we congratulate Rev’d Geoff Chadwick (currently Gelorup and BCGS) on his move to the position of Archdeacon of the Diocese.

Partnership

The whole of the Diocese celebrated with the Cathedral Parish at the opening of a new hall at the Cathedral.

Parishes and the Deanery have many relationships and partnerships of varying degrees with Anglican and non-Anglican organisations. Some are Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Missions to Seafarers, Amana Living, Boniface Care, Bunbury Regional Hospital, St John of God Hospital, Anzac Day parades. Of special note is the theological library at BCGS.

All of us are working with various government requirements in areas such as Mandatory Reporting, how to stay COVID safe, new marriage forms, Professional Development, Work Health and Safety and the list goes on.

***Rev'd Mavis Tyler
Area Dean***



NORTHERN HARVEST DEANERY

Mission

The Deanery provides a mechanism for the Parishes in the north of the Diocese to meet and share ideas, as well as provide a forum and collegial support for clergy and licenced lay ministers.

People

Since Synod last met, we have welcomed Revd's Paul Watson and Paul Bartley to our midst in Williams and Secret Harbour, respectively. This reflects the commitment of Cn Linley Matthews-Want and visiting clergy in Williams, and the supporting clergy in Secret Harbour in maintaining ministry in these places. Both now support full time priests.

We also welcome the families of the two Paul's to our community.

We remain indebted to our lay Chair, Mr Mike Burgess in leading the Deanery Synod, which continues to meet in Williams.

During the year Revd Lynda Myres has left us, and she leaves a significant gap in Narrogin/ Pingelly and Collie. She goes with our love and grateful thanks for many years of commitment to Anglican ministry in the Wheatbelt, and as Area Dean.

Partnership

The Deanery is currently exploring new models of ministry in our Wheatbelt Parishes, and this has borne fruit in Hyden, Corrigin, Kulin and Kondinin as we move towards Anglican Community status. Significant energy is being put into these towns and rural districts to keep the rumour of God alive, and it is hoped that over time we can find an effective way to build pastoral support and a worshipping community in this part of the Diocese.

This has required a significant commitment from our Coodanup and Mandurah Parishes, as they look outwards at other Christian communities.

This challenge is not peculiar to the Deanery (or to the Diocese) and so we look for inspiration from other groups and Dioceses to guide us, as we continue to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Revd James Tabor
Area Dean

STIRLING DEANERY

Parishes

Kojonup/Katanning – In Interregnum - Revd Vicki Webb

Denmark/Walpole – Revd. Sally Buckley

Albany – Revds. Karen Cave, Helen Barnard, John Jones

Retired Clergy: Revds Max Morrison, Tina Morrison, John Abraham, Michael Lloyd

Oyster Harbour – Revd Shane Marques

Retired Clergy (PTOs): Revds. Audrey Payne, Dorothy Bailey, Allan Taylor and Rodger Bull.

Southern Ranges - In Interregnum -(Mt Barker, Cranbrook, Tenterden, St Werburgh's) – Locum from 1st August 2022 Revd Robert Holland

Anglican Communities

Gnowangerup, Borden, Jerramungup, Bremer Bay, Ravensthorpe

Mission to Seafarers – Albany

Palliative Care Chaplaincy, Great Southern Region - Revd Esther Leach

Mission

The Covid 19 situation continues for yet another year to have significant impact in our deanery. We feel most fortunate that at the time of writing all parishes in our Deanery have been able to progress well with further relaxations of restrictions in numbers allowed to worship and with the freedom to return to The Common Cup. Community interest in the church continues with a number of parishes continuing their on line ministries. The opportunities for responding to need and outreach have also continued to present well as emergency relief and pastoral care nets have been strengthened, and the church continues to support often the most vulnerable in our communities.

St John's Albany Emergency Relief serves our Community well as do our soup kitchens. On line services are available twice per day, seven days a week. The emergence from restrictions has allowed the parish to enjoy improvements in our kitchen, warden's court and paving to enable our vision as a Community precinct facilitating greater outreach. We are engaging with the City of Albany in conversations regarding the City's Bicentennial Celebrations.

Living Waters reports that it continues to proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus in word and deed through our weekly worship services, online video ministry, community store and community garden as well as special events such as the Spring into Christmas Fair held in November.

The fair attracted about 1000 people during the course of the day and all proceeds were donated to the Albany Women's refuge and Albany Shalom ministry to men in need. It was a wonderful day for the whole family with over \$7 000 raised.

Denmark and Walpole reports that "the Parish has continued to reach out to the community by engaging with community events and festivals in Denmark, although some of these have been disrupted or reimagined because of COVID restrictions. The All Soul's service at the Denmark river was one of the best attended in recent years with many from the community contributing reflections, songs or prayers. The monthly Twilight Meditations continues to attract people of other faiths to join in this gentle service.

The Mustard Seed (Op Shop) has had their best ever year. The acknowledged 'ripple effect' it has on all involved continues to impress and inspire. The number of volunteers who work there are drawn from both the church and wider communities and eagerly support the mission and focus of the parish. In partnership with the Mustard Seed, the parish has been able to support a number of appeals and charities internationally, nationally and in our local community. We continue to be involved in Emergency Relief through Boniface Care, in partnership with the Denmark Community Resource Centre, which has developed a wide range of assistance for those who are struggling to make ends meet. Our weekly outreach to the Denmark Aged Care Facility (Blue Wren Lodge) continues, although we have had to be flexible as COVID restrictions have impacted where, when and how we can offer our weekly worship service and visit residents. Despite the disruptions, we always keep in touch by delivering personal copies of the Sunday pew sheet to residents, enabling them to keep in touch with their church community.

In Walpole we again were involved in their annual Blessing of the Emergency services and celebrated the involvement of volunteers in the community.

Both centres have run Advent and Lent studies and have embraced the Diocesan Vision and Strategy, supporting the first strategy of deepening our prayer life.

Each centre now has a monthly Evening Prayer service, Denmark's explores various traditions, while Walpole's is based on the Taize style of worship.

Our parish is made up of mainly elderly parishioners and we sadly have no regular young families."

And at Kojonup and Katanning - The parishes of Kojonup and Katanning lovingly serve as Christ in their rural communities and are an accepted and supported part of a rural community.

As such rural ministry becomes missional in the community when members of the congregation and local supply clergy undertake voluntary and paid work in public and private settings as well as in community organisations. Both parishes support local and national Mission Agencies, such as AMOS Foundation, Blaze Aid, BCA and Mission to Seafarers. Boniface Care ER funding is accessed by Youthcare Chaplains and goes a long way in feeding and clothing children with uniforms to attend local schools without the stigma of poverty. During the peak of Covid 19 in WA last term many families without support while in isolation were given food hampers. Christmas hampers from community donations are assembled by parishioners and distributed through chaplains, aged care providers and local Shire employees. Both parishes have also been pro-active in initiating projects supporting sustainable living. Collection containers have been made available for plastic lids; bread bag tags; used small batteries; and glass and plastic bottles and cans.

People

The Deanery Chapter last met in person at Retreat and Conference and at Christmas lunch with limited numbers. Covid remains to affect our gatherings. Our focus being fellowship, encouragement, mutual support and prayer.

Many of us were delighted to be able to attend the service of ordination to diaconate of Revd Genevieve Milnes and Revd Leon Durrant to priesthood earlier this year.

We said goodbye to Revd Lady Rookyard as she retired this year and to Revd Sue Calvert-Lodge as her locum position at Southern Ranges ended and we now have Kojonup, Katanning and Southern Ranges in interregnum. Prayers continue for incumbents to hear the call to ministry. Both parishes are blessed with strong lay leadership.

Revd Esther Leach continues in her role with the Great Southern Palliative Care team in the health department. Her contract has been extended a second time and will be coming up for review regarding the creation of a permanent position.

She writes, "This role continues to challenge and reward in a demanding context, not only spiritually, theologically and relationally, but geographically, covering a region from Katanning in the north to Ravensthorpe in the east and west to Nornalup.

I receive referrals from the team who cares for people in their homes, hospitals, aged care facilities and Albany Hospice.

Illness and dying is a time where issues of meaning, connection and resolution (with other people and God) are wrestled with, both for people of Faith, and those without. I experience this role as a great privilege and would appreciate prayer as I build this role, and as decisions are made regarding the future.

Bishop Ian has appointed Revd Karen Cave and Revd John Jones to be Chaplains to the Mission to Seafarers. This reflects the number of duties that both Karen and John have, so they can cover the position between them, and it will also encourage even closer ties between the parish church and Mission.

At St. Johns, Revd John Jones continues in his role as prison chaplain with two days in parish ministry. Revd Helen remains active in her roles with Boniface Care, Emergency Relief and matters pastoral. The congregation are, as ever, enthusiastic and ministering in many ways to show the face of God and the light of Christ to our community. We are blessed by our position in the heart of the City.

Living Waters reports that Clergy are supported by Part Time Staff:

Church Administrator: Dr Richard Goetz

Assistant Admin: Anne Pinchen,

Pastoral / Media: Graham Downing

Children's Minister: Heidi Marques

Communications: Chloe Trend

Denmark, St Leonard's "LLMs, Alison Kershaw and Sally and Chris Prickett, with worship and pastoral care. We have welcomed Jan Pattinson back onto the team and are in the process of training two more. Revd Sue Lodge Calvert also assists occasionally. Walpole, St George's: the Priest in Charge visits monthly, otherwise, Revd Kevin Callegari or LLM, Harold Luxton, lead worship.

Katanning and Kojonup report the two parishes are without a parish priest at present after the long service leave (LSL) and retirement of Rev Lindy Rookyard who had faithfully served the two parishes for 9 years. Lindy's last Sunday service was on Easter day. We were fortunate to have Rev Cannon Bill Byleveld as locum priest from December to February to cover the LSL and are now in interregnum. We are gratefully supported liturgically from St John the Evangelist Church in Albany enabling both parishes to continue during the interregnum with Local Lay Ministers or supply clergy each Sunday. Governance and pastoral care is lovingly provided by LLM's, wardens and clergy living nearby.

Numbers have remained constant with a core group of faithful parishioners who are spiritually mature and intentional in attending worship. Each parish continues to welcome new members.

Numbers of children are small but enthusiastic. Kojonup offers ministry for young children based on Godly Play principles within the second and fourth Sunday 10.30 services. With the gift of a head set microphone the congregation can hear the Godly Play story and the children can actively participate in many aspects of the service. It is a joy to see older Kojonup children, home during the holidays from boarding school, participating in welcoming and reading rosters with their families. Katanning is able to engage with a teenage cohort and includes children and youth in their services. There were two confirmations in the past year. The fifth Sunday Combined Kojonup and Katanning Family Service, held at St Elizabeth's Broomehill, continues to be a blessing with people from both parishes sharing in worship and enjoying fellowship together over morning tea.

Partnership

Parishes have many and varied partnerships.

At St Johns, we enjoy loving relationships with our community, visitors and local churches. It is wonderful to be so close to Anglicare and enjoy collaborative and supportive relationship with them and other members of Albany / Great Southern Crisis Relief Association. We partner with Amana, Youthcare, Outlying Parishes, Mission to Seafarers, Chaplaincy to the Prison and Police Service.

At Living Waters, The Australian Christian College nearby, and great Southern Grammar are involved in our Good Life Community Garden providing learning opportunities for students. Living Water is in partnership with a number of organisations and missionaries who advance the cause of Jesus locally and overseas.

At Denmark, the immediate partnership between Parish and Mustard Seed (the Op Shop) is the strongest of our partnerships and has enabled the parish to minister and reach out in a number of ways and at a number of levels.

Following the recent bush fires in Denmark, the Parish was able to send funds to the appeal and the Mustard Seed was able to help those who lost their homes by donating manchester, clothes, china, cutlery, cooking pots etc.

The Parish has been involved with:

- Boniface Care in relation to Emergency Relief, with a local partnership with the Denmark CRC.

- Blue Wren Lodge, Aged Care Facility, in partnership with the Uniting Church, by giving ministry in worship and Pastoral Care.
- Denmark Community Arts, being involved with them through a variety of ways. Youthcare: the support of the Chaplains in our area.

There are a number of other groups which we have been able to support and partnership with through our donations: Wheelchairs for Kids (15 chairs so far at \$250 each), Horse Power (formerly Riding for the Disabled for whom we recently donated \$3,000 enabling them to purchase their first horse – they have previously been leasing horses), BlazeAid, Prison Fellowship, and more widely ABM and Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl).

Katanning and Kojonup parishes enjoy ecumenical interaction with other Christian denominations in the towns. A supportive group of 'Combined Church Leaders' meets regularly to offer one another support in ministry and to discuss or plan ecumenical events to be held in the towns. We have come to realise and respect our differences as God's gift to us. In Katanning this meeting takes place in a coffee shop owned by the local Imam who, for a few moments, pulls up a chair to have a friendly chat with us. A blessing indeed!

Foundations

This year, many parishes have been able to continue recovery from lockdowns and restrictions and build on past foundations and forge new.

At St Johns, the new sound system is in place, a shade sail is a welcome addition to Wardens Court allowing for safe outdoor space, our footpaths have been renovated and kitchen improvements made. Our changes enhance worship and enable our ministry and outreach to each other and community.

Living Waters buildings are in good condition and for the most part 'fit for purpose'.

There have been a number of projects in the Parish of Denmark and Walpole: There have been a number of projects in the Parish: the completion of the first two stages of the renovations to the property in Denmark, it is good to see that we have been able to pay off a significant amount of the monies borrowed for the project to date. Currently work is being done on renovating the meeting room in the Denmark Parish Centre, which suffered significant water damage in the heavy rains last winter. A new outside notice board at Denmark has been built to replace the old one which was damaged by weather and vandals. St George's Walpole has had some maintenance work on its toilets and the grounds to try to stop water problems.

This will be ongoing. Through the Mustard Seed (Op Shop) the Parish continues to tithe 10% of its income to mission and emergency appeals.

At Katanning and Kojonup, the Gospel message, the two great commandments and the Great Commission are the foundation of our Christian journey as Anglicans within and amongst our rural community. The historic foundation of our rural church congregations are respected for their love and sensitivity and appreciated as caring for a sacred space within community. We are blessed during the interregnum with a breadth of teaching from supply clergy and continue to experience a depth in the gospel message as we contemplate a variety of homilies and reflect on the wonder questions in the Godly Play stories. It is the year of prayer in the Diocese and the congregation is learning more about prayer and its place in all our lives as we grow in love for God, each other and our neighbours.

***The Rev'd Karen Cave
Area Dean for Stirling Deanery***



DIOCESE OF KAPSABET

Mission

To build relationships across the two dioceses. Exploring both cultural and ministry styles to enrich our ministries in both dioceses.

People

Bishop Ian and Canon Bill have kept in regular contact with Bishop Paul in Kapsabet during the past year. Kapsabet Diocese continues to be affected by Covid and is grateful for monetary gifts from our diocese that enabled them to buy such essential basics as soap and clean water.

Canon Bill has written to Bishop Paul about the possibility of visiting the Diocese and working with them for two to three months early next year.

Bishop Ian met Bishop Paul and Mme. Selline at Lambeth conference.

Partnership

This relationship is important for enabling us to partner with a very different part of the world and see something of God's wider church in action. We renewed the MOU with Kapsabet for a further five years last year. Bishop Paul would like Bishop Ian and Anne to come to Kenya next year if that is possible.

Bishop Ian Coutts

