

Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Dear Parishioners,

There seems to be a lot to tell you in this edition of my rather irregular letters.

You will notice, those who receive this by email, that there are several attachments this time.

There is the Bishop's ***To the People***, a newsletter he sends out approximately every month, keeping us all informed about what is happening in the Diocese and in the wider church. He has also included various bits of information about Mandatory Reporting of Abuse to Children. From November 1st, all clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers are included in those who must report any child abuse they may come across, or even suspect of occurring. I think it is important that we all have a read and know what is required, because at the end of the day, I would hope that we would all feel obliged to protect vulnerable children.

The other attachment is the Diocesan October ***Vision and Strategy*** newsletter.

There are a couple of things coming up in relation to the environment which I have been asked to share with you.

The first is on October 30th at 2 pm at the Kwoorabup Community Park, in Denmark. The email I received, in part, says:

30th October, 2pm, Kwoorabup Community Park

Join your community to ask for the crucial step up of action on climate change prior to our government attending COP27 in November.

Similar to last year's event when we stood together to form a giant "We Can Do It" image taken by a drone; this time it will be an SOS.

Please be prompt to be in the drone photo!

At the event you can receive information to use the image to send to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek & others if you wish.

You are invited to stay on after the drone shot is taken for picnic, busking & craftivism.

Cakes & biscuits available by donation.

*BYO picnic blanket & cuppas

*Bring gold coins for donations

The event will also raise funds for a project to preserve a remarkable local wetland for endangered wildlife.

Please share with family & friends.

Look forward to seeing you there.

For more info. contact Karen on 0476205155

I have copied the poster for it at the end of this letter.

One of the strongest messages to come out of the bishops' Lambeth Conference in the UK in August, was the imperative for Anglicans around the world to be proactive and 'hands on' involved with the urgent need to care for the planet. Last year, on the eve of the Climate Conference COP 26, we were involved in the "**Ring Out for Climate**" by ringing the church bell at St Leonard's. We are encouraged to do this again on Saturday November 5th, on the eve of COP 27 which will run from 7-18 November. This will take place at 5pm for approximately 15 minutes.

Bishop's Visit:

Bishop Ian Coutts will be visiting Denmark on the weekend of November 5th and 6th.

He is hoping to arrive late afternoon on Saturday 5th and we will be having a fellowship tea at the Rectory (5 Brazier Street, Denmark) 5.30 for 6.00pm. It will be a bring and share meal and an opportunity to meet and talk with Bishop Ian. I know that many of you don't like coming out at night, but Sunday will be fairly busy without hosting a lunch on top! If you would like to come, but don't want to drive, please let Bev Sheard know on 0473 557 399 and she will arrange for you to be picked up. I am hoping that you will be able to attend. If you are able

to bring some food, would you contact Judy Ross on 0455 509 317, so we have some idea of numbers, and so we don't all bring the same thing!

Bishop Ian will be presiding and preaching at the 9.30am service at St Leonard's on Sunday morning, where we will be celebrating All Saints Day.

Then, at 11am we have the annual **All Souls by the River** commemoration at Berridge Park. It is always a lovely and often poignant service, during which many of the community who attend offer song, reflections, poems or prayers.

Last weekend was the **Diocesan Synod**, which was held at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. I attended, along with our two Synod reps: Alison Kenworthy, from Walpole, and Sally Prickett, as alternate for Victoria Castiglione, from Denmark. There were various pieces of legislation, and a number of motions to be ratified from General Synod, and of course the usual motions from within the diocese. Please feel free to ask either Alison or Sally if you are interested in what went on. The Synod papers are available on the Diocesan website.

For many years the parish has had a **Prayer Circle**, where people are able to ask for prayers and the requests are distributed to a small group who have committed themselves to praying for those requests. This is just a reminder or informing you that this is available, if you would like prayer for anything, but also, if you would like to join the Prayer Circle and commit to supporting those who have requested prayer. It isn't a gossip hall, please don't feel concerned about that! Please let me know if you have anything you would like prayer for or would like to receive the prayer request updates.

And now for something completely different!! I don't know what your home is like, but in mine there are quite a few medications taken! We now have a place where we can **recycle the foil and plastic sheets which the tablets come in**. If you would like to store them up, Bev Sheard is happy to collect them from you. Bev can be contacted on the number I gave above

I close with the Collect for last Sunday, which spoke to me deeply:

O God,
you have made heaven and earth
and all that is good:
help us to delight in simple things
and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

My continued prayers for peace and all good wishes, your priest and friend,

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Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.
Tell of Jesus' love at the cross and in your life.
Leave the rest to God.