

Weekly News

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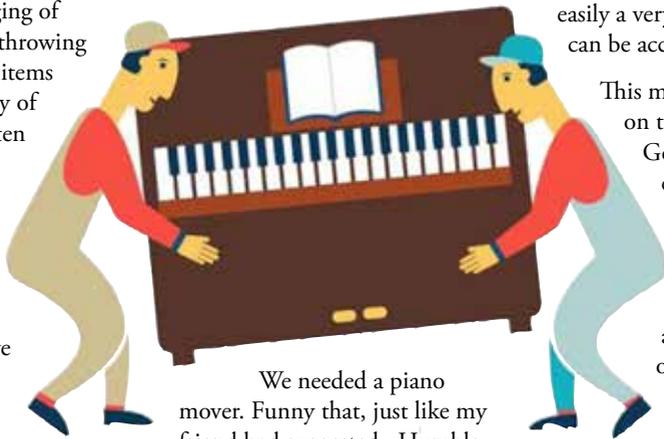
The weekly newsletter for the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish

Reflection

That looks so easy

Some of you may know that after Easter our family moved house, and, as most of you will have experienced, there is a lot to do! Packing, cleaning, gardening, changing of mailing address, throwing out of unneeded items and also discovery of items you forgotten you had. When I was lining up one of my wonderful friends to help me move, he asked me what we were planning to do with the piano, how would we move that? I hadn't thought that far at that point, but with a few seconds of turning the mind cogs, I said we can get a few blokes to do it. He suggested we get a piano mover, to my shame, his suggestion fell on deaf ears. Moving day arrives...

My eldest brother and I, after clearing out the way to the piano, thought we should check how we would go with moving the piano. We managed with an awful lot of exertion to move it sideways about a foot. Which lead me to the conclusion that even with four of us blokes, we had no shot of getting this piano out of my house and up the steps on our new abode.



We needed a piano mover. Funny that, just like my friend had suggested. Humble pie for Trev it seems.

What fascinated me the next day, when the piano mover got on the job, was the ease and skill that was used to get the piano in. They had this dolly with huge wheels, which seemed to be about a quarter length of the piano, it was put

under the middle of the piano and then the piano moving wizard elegantly danced the piano via a ramp, up the stairs and into its predetermined spot. The two guys were moving this piano mostly with one hand and turning it with a small amount of pressure on the top of the piano. I could not believe that with the right knowledge and the right equipment, how easily a very difficult task can be accomplished.

This made me reflect on the tasks that God calls his church local and universal to. Some of the tasks seem daunting, and at times, a lot of work can be exerted and it feels that we

have not moved very far at all. Paul's letter to the Ephesians in chapter 4 gives us assurance that God has the right help for us. Paul writes "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of

Bible readings

This Sunday Revelation 21:1-7 (p.1249) John 14:1-6 (p.1082)
Next Sunday Hebrews 7:17-25 (p.1205) John 17:6-19 (p.1085)

Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Like me getting the help from the dancing piano man, so God intends for us to have the right people for the right task within our churches. These people will enable us to collectively move beyond where we might get without them, toward maturity and fullness in Christ.

Everyone has gifts to be used (as I wrote recently in the weekly news) and also, God has people he will raise up for us for a special task of leading us. In light of the transition that will be upon us soon, with Greg and Karen moving to Sydney, it is fitting to give thanks that God knew what he was doing in sending Greg and Karen as a gift to us through this last season. It is also important that we seriously pray for God to gift our church and community with the person who has God’s special gifting for us for this next season of life at Holy Trinity. I pray that that the outcome will be that we will collectively find ourselves in new ways, moving things that we thought were beyond us and, as Paul said, “that the body of Christ be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ”

Trev Bell
Associate Minister

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Justice Sunday

This year, our diocese will be joining with the rest of the state to celebrate Justice Sunday today, 19th June. Justice Sunday seeks to highlight the work of the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry, whose chaplains serve in all prisons in all diocese, as well as ministering to those who have been released, helping them to re-join the outside world with confidence and hope in God. Join us to hear more about how God is working in the justice system in Victoria.

Bendigo Winter Night Shelter

There will be a Commissioning Service for the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter (BWNS) project TODAY Sunday (19th May) at 3 pm at the Bendigo Salvation Army Church. The church is located at 65-71 Mundy St Bendigo. Everyone is welcome to attend and support this project and those who are generously volunteering their time.

Greg & Karen’s farewell

There will be a farewell for Greg and Karen on Saturday 29th June. It will run from 2 pm to 4 pm. Speeches will be held at 3 pm which will give you an opportunity to come early and stay for the speeches or come for the speeches and then stay on. All are welcome to this event.



Gift for Greg and Karen

We are collecting monetary donations for a gift to say farewell to Greg and Karen. Please place your donation in an enveloped marked ‘Gift for Greg and Karen’ and place it in the offertory bowl at church or drop it off at the office.

Church camp

It is getting close to the 'last call' for people attending the church camp this year. Please see Trev Bell or Robyn Geldart as soon as possible or take one of the information brochures in the foyer.

Mission money boxes



If you have a money box at home for ABM, BCA or CMS could you please bring it in during May.

Hosting the Synod

South East Bendigo will once again be hosting Synod this year from Friday 24th May to Saturday 25th May. We will need people to help with the meals – both preparation and serving. Please keep an eye out for the sign out sheets in the foyer. This is once again a great opportunity for us to be a blessing to our Diocese and depends on all of us participating.

The coming months and next Rector

It is understandable that there will be a number of questions given Greg's new role as National Director of BCA. Bishop Matt attended the recent Parish Council meeting to outline the process from here and answer questions from the council. The following answers may prove helpful in understanding what the process is from here.

Final Sunday

Greg and Karen's final day in the parish will be Sunday 30th June. After this they will be taking accrued leave before moving to Sydney.

Plans are currently being undertaken for the final Sunday and farewells. Please watch this space for more information.

Acting Rector

Bishop Matt will 'take up the license' as Rector until a replacement is found. This will mean that Bishop Matt will have overall authority but will not be undertaking everyday functions that Greg may have performed. These functions and roles will need to be covered by the Ministry Team and volunteers. Bishop Matt will chair Parish Council and intends to be present on Sundays at least once a month (depending on his current

commitments). Bishop Matt will also meet regularly with the Ministry Team.

Appointment Process

It is envisaged that the Parish Nominators will meet with Bishop Matt soon after Synod (which is the last weekend in May). It needs to be understood that the next Rector of South East Bendigo will need to have experience as a senior leader in a diocese and parish. It is impossible to put a time frame on how long the appointment process will take due to numerous variables.

Rectory

After Greg and Karen move out the Rectory will need to be painted and have the carpets replaced. A few other minor repairs and maintenance issues will also need to be addressed in the Rectory before the new Rector can move in. The Wardens will be responsible for this.

Girton

Both Greg and Bishop Matt have been in communication with the Headmaster of Girton. Arrangements are being made to cover Greg's responsibilities at the school for the remainder of the year.



Prayer

Church and mission

Parish

Pray for Greg and Karen Harris as they prepare to leave and begin a new ministry with BCA.

Pray for the search for a new rector, for the Bishop and parish nominators in this process.

Pray for those volunteers who will soon begin training for the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter project to help the homeless.

Give thanks for our children's and youth ministry leaders who give a lot of their time to this ministry.

Diocese

Pray for the Archdeacons and Rural Deans of the Diocese and the important roles they play.

Mission

Pray for the work of BCA in this month when they celebrated 100 years of serving the church in rural, remote and regional areas.

Persecuted Church.

Turkmenistan

As part of the former Soviet Union, atheism was enforced

by the state. Christianity is still viewed with extreme distrust and is closely monitored, as most Turkmen now identify as Muslim. The law bans any religious activity by unregistered organizations. Pray for more religious freedom so that Christians can share the gospel.

World

USA & China

Pray for an end to what appears to be an escalating trade war.

Pray for stability on world markets.

Burkina Faso

Pray for an end to the violence towards churches and Christians that has resulted in numerous deaths and church burnings.

Philippines

Pray for stability in this nation after recent elections and in light of the hardline president.

Iran

Pray that further enriching of uranium would be suspended and tensions with the USA would decrease.

National and local

Pray for our new federal government and those elected to

serve their electorates. Pray that they will all lead with integrity and for the common good.

Pray for those who are imprisoned in our nation. Pray for just treatment within the judicial system and for God to work in their lives. Pray also for the chaplains who minister to them in difficult circumstances.

Give thanks for recent rains and pray for those farming communities needing more to ensure a good winter crop.

Pray for spouses, partners and children affected by domestic abuse - for their safety and for an end to this scourge on families.

Pray for our manufacturing industry and the valuable role they play in our local community.

Pray for the elderly and vulnerable struggling with health during this winter period as the temperatures drop.

Personal

Sick and in need

Kevin Furness, Keith Thompson, Eric and Muriel Jencke, Lorenzo Santalucia, and any others known to us.

Deceased

Audrey Daniels, Liz McQueen

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