



SPEAKERS' CORNER

...your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 Did you (or will you) participate in or know about a service or event to commemorate the PNG Martyrs who gave their lives in service to God? Please send in any photos and stories about these events for us to share. Having lived and worked in PNG, I can attest to the fruit that has grown from the seeds they planted, which were watered by their and others' blood that was shed during WWII. I was regularly overwhelmed by the way in which the Martyrs lives are remembered and the thanks with which the PNG church remembers them: many bear the names of these Martyrs.

This year's Martyrs Appeal continues to honour their memory and support this growth, by focusing on education in PNG through Newton Theological College and in Vanuatu through their Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program. Both projects ensure that potential is nurtured and dreams are realised: exactly what the PNG Martyrs were working to achieve in their own time.

This issue also looks at the progress on the Coaldrake Award – named after another missionary we remember, The Rev'd Frank Coaldrake. The recipients, like the Martyrs, may not have harvested the fruit of their work, but we can give thanks knowing that new generations of men and women in PNG and Vanuatu will continue this work of planting, nurturing and harvesting.

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Speakers' Prayer

Almighty God, as we engage with our listeners around Australia, may the gifts that you have taught us give us the confidence to spread your word and bring the work of ABM into the hearts of all Australians. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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FOCUS ON...Coaldrake Award

The Coaldrake Award aims to recognise the contribution of former missionaries and dedicated staff members to the work of ABM in Australia and with our partner Churches. To date, the award has been presented to a total of 70 former missionaries, former and current volunteers and former and current staff in 4 Dioceses:

- ✓ Bendigo 1
- ✓ Brisbane 58
- ✓ Sydney 11
- ✓ Adelaide 2

Images and stories of these presentations can be found on the [ABM News webpages](#). There are 2 ceremonies planned in September with another 51 to receive the award:

- ❖ Adelaide 42
- ❖ Newcastle 9

Another presentation is planned in Adelaide in late November with planning underway for events in 2019 in Perth, Bunbury, Tasmania and Melbourne. All information needed to nominate someone is available on the [Coaldrake Award page](#). Please contact Meagan in the first instance to discuss arranging a Coaldrake Award presentation in your Diocese.

APPEALS UPDATE

Martyrs Appeal – Supporting our Partners through education

Newton Theological College, PNG

Supports the updating of courses, resources, buildings and other infrastructure at NTC. Seeks to improve the conditions for students and staff.

Language, Literacy & Numeracy, Vanuatu

Supports the Church to expand its program to meet the growing demand and provide further opportunities for existing and future graduates.

Further information and resources are available [online](#)

AROUND THE TRAPS*

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS		
Diocese	Upcoming	Reports*
<i>* Reports only cover previous 2 month period</i>		
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	2/9 Martyrs Day / Coaldrake Award St Cuthbert's Prospect Late Sept Auxiliary fundraiser 19-21 Oct Synod 8/11 Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day Late Nov Coaldrake Award 3/2 Meagan speaking at St Martin's Campbelltown	3/8 Auxiliary Lamington Drive 29/7 John Deane preached at St Peter's Cathedral 22/7 Meagan Schwarz spoke to 72 parishioners at St Richard's Lockleys
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Ballarat	26-27 October Synod items to be distributed	No news
Bathurst	14-16 September Synod display table <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	6/7 Lorraine Clarkson spoke to women at Cowra Women's Fellowship Group. \$100 donation made to St Andrews Gawura School
Bendigo	Nothing scheduled	No news
Brisbane (Southern QLD)	2/9 Martyrs Day Patrick Doulin speaking, Freshwater Parish; Ken S speaking, Wynnum Parish 5/9 Sarah G speaking, Clayfield Parish 9/9 Ken speaking, St Gabriel's Carindale September TBC Sarah G speaking at Bundaberg, GinGin and Gayndah Parishes 5-7/10 Synod, display table and items given to Synod members November Archbishops November Appeal 19/12 St John's Cathedral Booklet launch Dec Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell launch – includes PNG Martyrs TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations Committee meetings , 12/9, 10/10, 14/11, 12/12 Auxiliary meetings , 21/9, 19/10, 16/11	26/8 Ken spoke to 35 people, Bimboomba Parish, about Martyrs Day 25-26 Aug Sarah G and Rosemary spoke at Aspley-Albany Creek Parish 5/8 Lynette Keyes spoke to 35 people, St Alban's, Wilston 16/8 Stephen Harrison (ABM Board and Brisbane Committee Member) commissioned as Exec Director, Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission, Dio of Southern Qld Aug Coomera Anglican College hosted Won Tok Conference <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations: 17/8, 8/7</i> <i>Committee meetings: 8/8 11/7</i> <i>Auxiliary meetings: 17/8,20/7</i>
Bunbury	15/9 Mission Conference display table 5-7 Oct Synod Display table	No news

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Canberra & Goulburn	2/9 Martyrs Day observed at St Johns' Reid 7-9 Sept Synod, items to be distributed 16/9 ++Allan Migi speaking at St John's Reid, Canberra 23/9 Bishop Saran speaking at St John's Wagga Wagga	30/6 and 1/7 Bishop Sarah Macneil spoke to 60 parishioners at St Albans Woden
Gippsland	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> 2/9 Martyrs' Day commemorated at services at Gippsland Cathedral and Churchill, Wonthaggi and Paynesville parishes	No news
Grafton	Nothing scheduled	August Jackie Draffan spoke at MU Southern Zone Day and had bring and buy stall 1/7 John Deane preached at Bangalow Parish
Melbourne	2/9 Martyrs Day commemorated at St Peter's Eastern Hill with lunch 9/9 John Deane Preaching at St Peter's Eastern Hill Oct Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham 17-20 October Synod Committee meetings: 3/9, 22/10, 3/12	<i>Committee Meetings: 6/8</i>
Newcastle	21/9 ABM Gathering with presentation of Coaldrake Awards 26-27 Oct Synod <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
North Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	5-7 Oct Synod Committee meeting: date TBC	No news
Riverina	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Rockhampton (Central QLD)	Nothing scheduled	No news
Sydney	1/9 Martyrs' Day service and lunch, St John the Evangelist, Balmain, Mr Howard Graham guest speaker 2/9 Viv For speaking at St Luke's Concord-Burwood 2/9 Robert McLean speaking at St Paul's Burwood 23/9 John Deane preaching at St Luke's Mosman	22/8 Auxiliary meeting Pastor Ray and Mrs Sharon Minniecon, guest speaker 19/8 John Deane preached at Christ Church St Laurence 26/7 ABM Cultural & Diversity Lunch attended by staff, Sydney Aux members and MU and ACOM guests 25/7 Auxiliary meeting Mrs Jan Boyley, Mothers Union, guest speaker

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	26/9 Auxiliary Annual Mission Morning Tea , Christ Church St Laurence	4/7 Robert McLean spoke to 25 people at Fundraising Lunch, St John's Balmain. \$340 raised for Newton College.
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	21/8 Committee meeting
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	2/9 Martyrs Day observations in The Riverland Parish services 9/9 Anglican Expo at Seaford Churches' Centre	No news
The Northern Territory	Nothing scheduled	No news
Wangaratta	Nothing scheduled	No news
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	28/7 Stoles and info packs given to 2 priests ordained by +John Stead

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS		
Province	Upcoming	Reports*
New South Wales	Nothing scheduled	No news
Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
South Australia	September Provincial Committee Meeting	27/7 109 people attended SA Provincial Dinner, guest speakers +Cam Venables, +John Stead and Rev Christy Capper https://www.abmission.org/pages/sa-provincial-dinner-2018.html Committee Meetings: 4/7
Tasmania	Nothing scheduled	No news
Victoria	Nothing scheduled	No news
Western Australia	Nothing scheduled	No news

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS
<p><u>Upcoming</u> ABM Board Meetings, Sydney: 2018 14-15 Sept, 30 Nov-1 Dec National Auxiliary Council Meeting, Sydney 12-13 September ABM Board Dinner, Sydney 14 September ++Allan Migi, Anglican Church of PNG, guest speaker ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney 30 Nov</p> <p><u>Reports</u> John preached at Installation of Bishop of Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia: 12 August Diocesan Representatives Conference, Adelaide 27-29 July attended by 22 people (14 Dio Reps, 1 Auxiliary Rep, 6 ABM staff, 1 partner visitor)</p>

AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

September	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Saturday	Syd Martyrs Day		Bathurst Synod		
Sunday	Adl Coaldrake Martyrs Day events/services Melb, Adl, Cbr&Glbrn, Bne, Syd, The Murray	Murray Anglican Expo display Bne and Melb Speaking Engagement	Cbr&Glbrn Speaking Engagement	Cbr&Gbn, Syd Speaking Engagements	
Monday	Melb C'ttee Mtg				
Tuesday					
Wednesday	Bne Speaking Engagement	Bne C'ttee Mtg		Syd Auxiliary Morning Tea	
Thursday					
Friday		Bathurst Synod	Bne Auxiliary Mtg		
October	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Monday				Melb C'ttee Mtg	
Tuesday					
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg	Melb Synod		
Thursday					
Friday	Bne Synod ↓		Bne Auxiliary Mtg ↓		
Saturday					
Sunday					
November	W/B 1 st	W/B 8 th	W/B 15 th	W/B 22 nd	W/B 29 th
Thursday		Adl Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day			
Friday			Bne Auxiliary Mtg		
Saturday					
Sunday					
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday		Bne C'ttee Mtg			

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Western Australia	VACANT