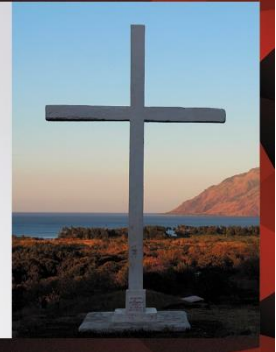




# SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



## Happy New Financial Year!

A new Financial Year is upon us and all that goes with it! That isn't the only new thing going on at ABM recently. We have a new Dio Rep in Bendigo, the Rev'd Ian Howarth who replaces The Venerable Michael Hopkins who is retiring from active ministry later this year. I know you'll join me in thanking Michael for his years of service to ABM and wishing him well in his retirement and in welcoming Ian to the ABM Diocesan Reps team. There are also 2 new ABM staff members that you'll get to meet at the Conference in July: Tyrone Bain is working in the Communications and Marketing Team on digital marketing and campaigns; Lyn Moorfoot is the new Supporter Engagement Officer. Both are based in Sydney.

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## Focus on Gayndah Parish Solomon Islands Cultural Exchange

One year into an interregnum, the Gayndah Parish Council were looking at injecting some new energy and motivation into their small rural parish. With their regional Bishop, they discussed their connections with the Solomon Islands and the idea of bringing a priest over to visit the Parish. The bishop directed them to the local ABM committee who worked with them over the next 6 months, dealing with issues of cultural sensitivity, visas, finding an appropriate visitor etc, and on April 30 Fr Wilfred Kekea arrived for a 6 weeks cultural exchange.

Fr Wilfred stayed in the parish for 6 weeks, enjoying visits to the different communities and work places, bible studies, and visits to aged care homes. He said:

"I also enjoyed attending annual meetings of the Queensland Anglican Men's Society in late May, and home visits to various homes of the parishioners. Visits to the different families' day-to-day activities (in the cattle and citrus industries) have also been highlights because Melanesian theology is centered more on the omnipresent God in daily activities."

And when asked what he thought the people in Gayndah learnt from his visit he replied:

"The people that I have met and have had conversations with would have learnt a few things about the Solomon Islands, including what the church life is like, about the typical village life and basically what blessings Australians take for granted. For example, one bloke who was complaining about the roads in North Burnett should see the roads in the Solomon Islands."

It was a very successful exchange, the parish felt truly blessed and all parties involved are already planning for "the next time..."

You can read a longer article about Fr Wilfred's visit [here](#)

## 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.*

## Appeals Update – 2019 TAX APPEAL – STILL OPEN

The 2019 Tax Appeal is as easy as ABCD - ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. Supporting both our partners in the Philippines, this appeal will enable communities to improve their livelihoods and become more self-sufficient. For more information visit the [2019 Tax Appeal](#) page. This appeal is aimed at individuals who benefit from the projects' tax deductability status.

Visit our [Appeals Page](#) for details on all current appeals

## Around the Traps

### Diocesan happenings

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>Adelaide</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	<p>June-July Auxiliary Lamington Drive</p> <p>14 July Meagan speaking at St Aidan's, Payneham</p> <p>21 July Consecration – stole and info pack to be presented</p> <p>29 September Peter Burke speaking at St Mary's, St Mary's</p> <p>18-20 October Synod – items to be distributed</p>	<p>23 June Choral Concert fundraiser, Christ Church North Adelaide</p> <p>14 June Bishop David Naing spoke to 15 people at a supper function at St Cuthbert's Prospect</p> <p>1 May Auxiliary Film Morning</p> <p>12 May Meagan spoke to 82 people at St Richard's Lockleys</p>
<b>Armidale</b>	<p>27-29 September Synod – items to be distributed</p> <p><i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i></p>	No news
<b>Ballarat</b>	25-26 October Synod	4 May 2 priests and 1 deacon ordained and given stoles
<b>Bathurst</b>	<p>13-15 September Synod – ABM items to be given out</p> <p><i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i></p>	No news
<b>Bendigo</b>	Nothing scheduled	<p>11, 14, 21 and 25 June Deanery Rallies held across the Diocese - total raised TBA</p> <p>New Dio Rep appointed – The Rev'd Canon Ian Howarth</p> <p>24-25 May Synod ABM items distributed</p>
<b>Bunbury</b>	Plans underway for Coaldrake Award presentations to be made	No news
<b>Canberra &amp; Goulburn</b>	6-8 September Synod	30 June Sarah Macneil spoke at Launch of St Paul's Manuka's partnership with ABM for Reconciliation
<b>Central Qld (Rockhampton)</b>	6 August Ordination – Deacon to be given a stole	17-19 May Synod, John Deane spoke, presented Coaldrake Award, SDG motion accepted

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Upcoming</b>	<b>Reports (prev 2 months)</b>
<b>Gippsland</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> <b>24 August</b> Ordination – stole and info pack to be presented	<b>30 June</b> Lloyd George spoke at Stratford Parish <b>17-19 May</b> Synod - ABM display, SDG Motion to go to BIC
<b>Grafton</b>	<b>DATE TBC</b> Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	<b>14-16 June</b> Synod – ABM items distributed
<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>25 Aug</b> Coaldrake Award presentation, St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury with John Deane and Archbishop Freier <b>Dates TBC</b> Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham and St David's Moorabbin <b>Committee meetings:</b> 5/8, 23/9, 4/11	<i>Committee Meetings:</i> 6/5, 24/6,
<b>Newcastle</b>	<b>DATES TBC</b> Speaking engagements at Belmont parish <b>13 – 15 August</b> Diocesan Leaders (Clergy) Conference <b>27 November</b> Robert McLean speaking at fundraising lunch at Thornton Parish <i>Working Group Meetings:</i> 1 August, 3 October	<b>30 June</b> Moya Holle spoke at St John's Taree <b>June</b> 4 Deacons ordained and received ABM stoles and info pack <b>8 June</b> Mission stall at Harrington/Cooperook Parish <b>8 May</b> Stole presented at ordination and installation of new parish priest <i>Working Group Meetings:</i> 6 June,
<b>North Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	<b>14-15 June</b> Synod – ABM items to be given out and SDG motion passed
<b>North West Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
<b>Perth</b>	<b>11-13 Oct</b> Synod <b>Committee meeting:</b> date TBC	<b>26 May</b> approx. 70 people attended St Anselm's, Kingsley Reconciliation Sunday
<b>Riverina</b>	<b>October</b> Synod <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	<b>15 June</b> Consecration of The Very Rev Donald Kirk as Bishop
<b>Southern Qld (Brisbane)</b>	<b>TBC</b> Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell <b>TBC</b> ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned <b>Committee meetings</b> 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12 <b>Auxiliary meetings</b> 19 July, 16 Aug, 20 Sept, 18 Oct, 15 Nov	<b>28-30 June</b> Synod – display stand, SDG motion passed, Gayndah Visit highlighted <b>7-8 June</b> Asia Pacific Anglican delegates attended Climate Conference <b>8 May</b> John Deane attended Committee meeting <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations:</i> nil <i>Committee meetings:</i> 8/5, 12/6 <i>Auxiliary meetings:</i> 17 May, 21 June
<b>Sydney</b>	<b>7 Sept</b> Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood <b>Committee Meetings:</b> TBC	No news <i>Committee meetings:</i> 28/3, 15/5
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>9-13 Aug</b> Robert to speak at events organised in and around Hobart and Launceston <b>Committee Meetings:</b> 13/8	<b>14-15 June</b> Synod – SDG motion not tabled due to lack of time. <b>June</b> Committee organising child protection policy compliance documents <i>Committee meeting:</i> 14/5

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>The Murray</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	TBC Oct Speaking engagement at Naracoorte	30 June Meagan spoke at St Francis', Christies Beach 16 June +David Naing, CPM, preached at Christ Church, Mt Barker 5 May Ordination - stole to be sent to newly ordained priest 25 May Synod – display table and items distributed
<b>The Northern Territory</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	31 May -2 June Synod – ABM items distributed, SDG motion moved
<b>Wangaratta</b>	30-31 August Synod	29 June Ordination
<b>Willochra</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	26-27 Oct Synod	7-9 June Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference

### **Provincial happenings**

Province	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
<b>NSW</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
<b>Queensland</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• June Wontulp-Bi-Buya Pilgrimage
<b>South Australia</b>	• 3 July Committee Meeting	• Committee Meeting: 8 May
<b>Tasmania</b>	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings
<b>Victoria</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
<b>Western Australia</b>	• Nothing scheduled	• No news

### **National happenings**

#### **Upcoming**

- **ABM Board Meetings 2019** 13-14 September, 6-7 December
- **25 July** Speakers' Training Day, Sydney
- **26-28 July** Diocesan Representatives Conference, Sydney
- **11-12 September** National Auxiliary Conference, Sydney
- **6 December** ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney

#### **Reports**

- **14-15 June**

## Three Months at a Glance ...

### July

- 3 Wed** *Province of SA* Committee Meeting, Adelaide
- 10 Wed** *Southern Queensland* Committee Meeting
- 14 Sun** *Adelaide* Speaking engagement
- 19 Fri** *Southern Queensland* Auxiliary Meeting
- 21 Sun** *Adelaide* Consecration
- 25 Thu** *National* Speakers' Training Day, Sydney
- 26-28 Fri-Sun** *National* Diocesan Representatives Conference, Sydney

### August

- 1 Thu** *Newcastle* Working Group meeting
- 5 Mon** *Melbourne* Committee meeting
- 6 Tue** *Central Queensland* Ordination
- 9-13 Fri-Tues** *Tasmania* Speaking Engagements
- 13 Tues** *Tasmania* Committee Meeting
- 14 Wed** *Southern Qld* Committee Meetings
- 16 Fri** *Southern Qld* Auxiliary Meeting
- 24 Sat** *Gippsland* Ordination
- 25 Sun** *Melbourne* Coaldrake Award Presentation
- 30-31 Fri-Sat** *Wangaratta* Synod

### SEPTEMBER

- 6-8 Fri-Sun** *Canberra & Goulburn* Synod
- 7 Sat** *Sydney* Martyrs Day Event
- 11 Wed** *Southern Qld* Committee Meetings
- 11-12 Wed-Thu** *National* National Auxiliary Conference
- 13-14 Fri-Sat** *National* Board Meeting, Sydney
- 13-15 Fri-Sun** *Bathurst* Synod
- 20 Fri** *Southern Qld* Auxiliary Meeting
- 23 Mon** *Melbourne* Committee Meeting
- 27-29 Fri-Sun** *Adelaide* Synod
- 29 Sun** *Adelaide* Speaking Engagement

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