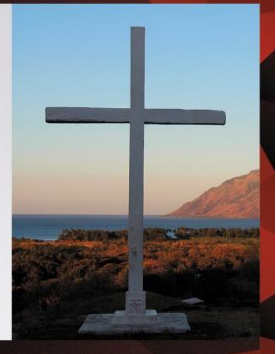




SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



Synods and Conferences and Stoles! Oh my!

We are now well into the 2019 Synod Season, plans for the July Conference are progressing smoothly and we've sent out a steady trickle of stoles to newly ordained priests and deacons and the latest 'crop' of Bishops. These 'big-3' items are important for ABM to encourage support: Synods are a great way to reach a lot of people in a short period of time; the Conference is an essential tool in keeping you all connected, enthused and equipped; and giving stoles helps to create a more personal relationship between clergy and ABM. It is important, however, that we don't lose sight of the other ways we can promote positive relationships for ABM with parishes. And yes, I'm talking about SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS! The essential 4th element.

For some Dio Reps this can seem like an impossible request : clergy with Sunday commitments; Dio Reps with huge geographical dioceses; overcommitted lay people! But this is where we encourage you to cultivate willing and capable ABM supporters who could speak at parishes about ABM. There are lots of [short documentaries](#) about ABM and our partners and projects for the less confident speakers or if none can visit. Furthermore, the upcoming Speakers Training Day will help inform the development of a new Speakers' Pack that could be used to encourage the willing but less able speakers to feel confident. The 'Focus on...' below shares an example of how not having a speaker was not a barrier to having an ABM Sunday.

'But...' you may well ask '*...no-one asks for an ABM speaker!*' and we do certainly need to increase the demand for speakers. So put an announcement, informing them that ABM is seeking invitations to visit parishes, in your diocesan e-news and FaceBook page and ask your Bishop to include it in their regular clergy email. You could even include it as a point in your speech to the SDG motion at your upcoming Synod! And we're always here to help you with ideas. So go, try it! You might be pleasantly surprised!

Focus on Parish Talks: when there is no speaker!

ABM was unable to find a speaker for a Perth Parish for their Reconciliation Sunday event. Brad Chapman identified a number of short documentaries about our Reconciliation Program for them to show in lieu of a speaker and we referred the parish organiser to our website for general information about our Reconciliation Program. Promotional items, including the Project Book, display only copies of 'A Voice in the Wilderness' and posters, were sent to the parish for a small display. The parish organiser was very grateful for what we sent and the documentaries which provided a great insight into our Reconciliation Program. While a personal touch is almost always preferred, this was a great outcome and use of our wealth of resources.

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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.

Appeals Update – 2019 TAX APPEAL now running

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)
Adelaide <i>See also South Australia</i>	14 June Bishop David Naing speaking at a supper function at St Cuthbert's Prospect 23 June Choral Concert fundraiser, Christ Church North Adelaide June-July Auxiliary Lamington Drive 14 July Meagan speaking at St Aidan's, Payneham 21 July Consecration – stole and info pack to be presented	1 May Auxiliary Film Morning 12 May Meagan spoke to 82 people at St Richard's Lockleys
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Ballarat	25-26 October Synod	4 May 2 priests and 1 deacon ordained and given stoles
Bathurst	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Bendigo	June Deanary Rallies	New Dio Rep appointed – The Rev'd Canon Ian Howarth 24-25 May Synod ABM items distributed
Bunbury	Plans underway for Coaldrake Award presentations to be made	No news
Canberra & Goulburn	30 June Sarah Macneil speaking at Launch of St Paul's Manuka's partnership with ABM for Reconciliation 6-8 September Synod	6 April ABM stoles presented to the Rt Rev Dr Mark Short
Central Qld (Rockhampton)	Nothing scheduled	17-19 May Synod, John Deane spoke, presented Coaldrake Award, SDG motion accepted
Gippsland	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> 30 June Stratford Parish speaker request	17-19 May Synod - ABM display, SDG Motion to go to BIC

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
	24 August Ordination – stole and info pack to be presented	April Interim Dio Rep met with Bishop; SDG motion to go to Bishop in Council for consideration
Grafton	14-16 June Synod DATE TBC Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	5 April Janice met with Bishop with positive outcomes for Synod, communications and other matters
Melbourne	25 Aug Coaldrake Award presentation, St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury with John Deane and Archbishop Freier Dates TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret's Eltham and St David's Moorabbin Committee meetings: 24/6, 5/8, 23/9, 4/11	<i>Committee Meetings:</i> 18/3, 6/5
Newcastle	8 June Mission stall at Harrington/Cooperook Parish 30 June Moya Holle speaking at St John's Taree DATES TBC Speaking engagements at Thornton and Belmont parishes 13 – 15 August Diocesan Leaders (Clergy) Conference <i>Working Group Meetings:</i> 6 June, 1 August, 3 October	8 May Stole presented at ordination and installation of new parish priest <i>Working Group Meetings:</i> 4 April,
North Queensland	14-15 June Synod – ABM items to be given out	31 March Stole presented to The Rt Rev Dr Keith Joseph at his consecration
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	11-13 Oct Synod Committee meeting: date TBC	26 May St Anselm's, Kingsley held Reconciliation Sunday showing ABM documentary
Riverina	15 June Consecration of The Very Rev Donald Kirk as Bishop October Synod <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Southern Qld (Brisbane)	7-8 June Asia Pacific Anglican delegates attending Climate Conference 28-30 June Synod TBC Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 12/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12 Auxiliary meetings 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug, 20 Sept, 18 Oct, 15 Nov	8 May John Deane attended Committee meeting 27 Apr Ken spoke to 30 people at Parish of Lutwyche Mission Breakfast <i>Coaldrake Award Presentations:</i> nil <i>Committee meetings:</i> 10/4, 8/5 <i>Auxiliary meetings:</i> 12 April, 17 May

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Sydney	7 Sept Martyrs Day, St Paul's Burwood Committee Meetings: TBC	28 April Viv spoke to 30 parishioners at St Luke's Concord-Burwood Committee meetings: 28/3, 15/5
Tasmania	14-15 June Synod – SDG motion to be moved TBC June Robert to speak at events organised in and around Hobart Committee Meetings: 14/8	June Committee organising child protection policy compliance documents Committee meeting: 14/5
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	16 June Speaking Engagement - +David Niang, CPM, preaching at Christ Church, Mt Barker TBC Oct Speaking engagement at Naracoorte 30 June Meagan Speaking at St Francis', Christies Beach	5 May Ordination - stole to be sent to newly ordained priest 25 May Synod – display table and items distributed
The Northern Territory	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	31 May -2 June Synod – ABM items distributed, SDG motion moved
Wangaratta	29 June Ordination 30-31 August Synod	No news
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	7-9 June Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference 26-27 Oct Synod	No news

Provincial happenings

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

National happenings

Upcoming

- **ABM Board Meetings 2019** 14-15 June, 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

- **15-16 March** Board meeting - deferred

Three Months at a Glance ...

June

- 1-2 Sat-Sun** *The Northern Territory Synod*
- 6 Thu** *Newcastle Working Group Meeting*
- 7-8 Thu-Fri** *Southern Qld Climate Conference*
- 7-9 Fri-Sun** *Willochra Diocesan Bible and Mission Conference*
- 8 Sat** *Newcastle Mission Stall, Harington/Cooperook Parish*
- 12 Wed** *Southern Queensland Committee Meeting*
- 14 Fri** *Adelaide Speaking engagement*
- 14-15 Fri-Sat** *Tasmania, Northern Qld, Grafton Synod; National ABM Board Meeting, Sydney*
- 15 Sat** *Riverina Consecration of new Diocesan Bishop*
- 16 Sun** *The Murray Speaking Engagement*
- 21 Fri** *Southern Queensland Auxiliary Meeting*
- 23 Sun** *Adelaide Fundraising Concert*
- 24 Mon** *Melbourne Committee Meeting*
- 28-30 Fri-Sun** *Southern Queensland Synod*
- 29 Sat** *Wangaratta Ordination*
- 30 Sun** *Speaking Engagements Canberra and Goulburn, Gippsland, The Murray, Newcastle*
- Dates TBC** *Bendigo Deanery Rallies*

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*
- 14 Wed** *Southern Qld, Tasmania Committee Meetings*
- 16 Fri** *Southern Qld Auxiliary Meeting*
- 24 Sat** *Gippsland Ordination*
- 25 Sun** *Melbourne Coaldrake Award Presentation*
- 30-31 Fri-Sat** *Wangaratta Synod*

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SA	Ms Emma Riggs
Vic	<i>To be confirmed</i>
WA	<i>To be confirmed</i>