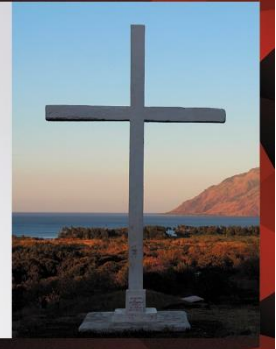




SPEAKERS' CORNER

Your internal newsletter for ABM happenings around the country



Change of Guard in Gippsland

The Rev'd Amy Turner, whom some of you met at the Conference, has accepted Bishop Richard's invitation to be the new Diocesan Rep for Gippsland, replacing The Rev'd Lloyd George, who has held the fort unofficially for well over 2 yrs now. I know you will join me in a warm welcome to Amy and a fond farewell to Lloyd.

Focus on ABM Visitors and Speaker Tours

We all know that hearing first hand accounts of the fruit of ABM's work with our partners is inspiring. We also all know that travelling around our great country can be expensive. So, organising a speaking tour for ABM staff or visitors from our partners can be a great way to maximise impact and exposure while sharing the cost. Here are 3 brief examples of how this was done in August and September this year:

- Tasmania – ABM Partnerships Missioner, Robert McLean; 6 engagements over 5 days in 6 communities; Comments received: heartening to hear how the College is working hard to raise the standards of their students who are being prepared for ministry. Robert's slide show of Newton and the students was thoroughly enjoyable and personal in that we were able to see not only the buildings but these wonderful people who are in training to take Christianity to the far flung towns and villages of this beautiful country. It was great to hear how our donations are being used to such great effect
- Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney – 2 Bishops from the Episcopal Church of the Philippines visiting to celebrate 25 years of partnership with ABM; 8 engagements over 8 days including dinners, meetings and preaching. Comments received: Enjoyed hearing about the good work our prayers and money and their prayers, hard work and local knowledge has done; learnt things about ABM I didn't know. And our partners also appreciate meeting and learning about the Australian Anglican Church and the different struggles we face: "You are closing churches? We are building new and bigger ones?"
- Grafton – ABM Executive Director, John Deane; 2 engagements over 2 days

You may wish to consider a themed tour e.g. Lenten Appeal Tour or Partners Specific Tour, to focus the presentations and support. ABM staff can provide support in terms of promoting the events. Such tours are a great opportunity to encourage active supporters, re-energise lapsed supporters and engage with new ones. It can be a great way to get ABM into more rural areas that often feel forgotten.

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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 – Martyrs’ Day Appeal – STILL OPEN

It’s not too late to promote this year’s Martyrs’ Day Appeal, supporting projects in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Put reminders in *Ad Clerums* (or equiv) or in your Dio newsletter. More details on the projects can be found [here](#). This year’s featured projects are:

Newton Theological College, PNG

Positive Parenting Program, Solomon Islands

Providing for the:

- training needs of students and their wives,
- the day-to-day needs of both the students and lecturers who live at the college.
- encouraging and equipping parents to raise children in a healthy, positive way.
- Implemented by Mothers Union

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>	18-20 October Synod – items to be distributed October Auxiliary Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies fundraising drive 8 November Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day, St. Theodore’s, Toorak Gardens, Meagan Schwarz guest speaker	29 September Peter Burke spoke at St Mary’s, St Mary’s 8 September Meagan and +Nestor spoke at St Saviour’s Glen Osmond
Armidale	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	27-29 September Synod – items distributed
Ballarat	25-26 October Synod	31 August Ordinations of Priests and Deacons – stoles presented
Bathurst	Nothing scheduled <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	13-15 September Synod – ABM talk, promo items given out and a display table
Bendigo	Nothing scheduled	No news
Bunbury	4-6 October Synod – items to be distributed	No news
Canberra & Goulburn	Nothing scheduled	10 September 25 people attended dinner with ECP Bishops and Atty Floyd 6-8 September Synod 1 September St John’s, Reid, hosted Martyrs Day Commemoration Services
Central Qld (Rockhampton)	Nothing scheduled	6 August Ordination – Deacon to be given a stole <i>New Dio Rep – Alan Larsen</i>
Gippsland	Nothing scheduled	<i>New Dio Rep – The Rev’d Amy Turner</i> 24 August Ordination – stole and info pack presented

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Grafton	DATE TBC Jackie Draffan speaking at Bellinger Valley Parish	22 September Rev John Deane preached in Christ Church Cathedral 21 September John Deane spoke at luncheon following service at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton with Bp Murray attending 1 September ABM Sunday/PNG Martyrs Day, Ballina Parish. Diocesan Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks spoke
Melbourne	16-19 Oct Synod – SDG motion, display table Dates TBC Brett Collins speaking at St Margaret’s Eltham Committee meetings: 4/11	1 Sept Martyrs Day Service at St Peter’s Eastern Hill with lunch 11 Aug Debra Saffrey-Collins spoke at St David’s Moorabbin 25 Aug Coaldrake Award presentation, St Paul’s Anglican Church Canterbury with John Deane and Archbishop Freier Committee Meetings: 5/8, 23/9
Newcastle	DATES TBC Robert speaking at Belmont parish 25-26 Oct Synod 30 Nov Ordinations to the priesthood Working Group Meetings: 3 October	1 Sept Martyrs Day Service at All Saints Church, The Entrance 13 – 15 August Diocesan Leaders (Clergy) Conference – John Deane speaking 15 Aug Fr Peter spoke at a Men’s Dinner Working Group Meetings: 1 August
North Queensland	Nothing scheduled	No news
North West Australia	Nothing scheduled <i>No Dio Rep appointed</i>	No news
Perth	11-13 October Synod Committee meeting: date TBC	No news
Riverina	18-19 October Synod <i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	No news
Southern Qld (Brisbane)	TBC Greg Henderson speaking, Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell TBC ABM Trivia Night, St Alban’s Wilston Coaldrake Award Presentations none planned Committee meetings 9/10, 13/11, 11/12 Auxiliary meetings 18 Oct, 15 Nov	1 September Martyrs Day focus at many parish services across Diocese 20 Aug Sarah G spoke to Yr 6 students at Churchies 15 Aug Sarah G spoke to 31 MU members at Deanery Mtg at Coalstoun Lakes Coaldrake Award Presentations: nil Committee meetings: 14/8, 11/9 Auxiliary meetings: 16 Aug, 20 Sept
Sydney	23 October Sydney Auxiliary Committee meeting. Guest Speaker: Lyn Moorfoot (ABM Supporter Engagement Manager) 27 November Sydney Auxiliary Committee end of year meeting. Committee Meetings: TBC	25 Sept Auxiliary Mission Morning Tea – John spoke to 20 guests about A Voice in the Wilderness 7 Sept about 90 people attended Martyrs Day service with guest speaker Rt Rev Cam Venables, St Paul’s Burwood Committee meetings: TBC

Diocese	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
Tasmania	Committee Meetings: TBC	25 Sep Warwick spoke at Burnie Women's Fellowship 1 Sep Martyrs Day services at All Saints, Hobart and Holy Trinity, Launceston 9-13 Aug Robert spoke at events organised in and around Hobart and Launceston <i>Committee meeting: 13/8</i>
The Murray <i>See also South Australia</i>	20 Oct Meagan speaking at Naracoorte	8 September +Brent preached at Barmera and Waikerie 7 September +Brent spoke at a reception at Barmera 17 August Enthronement of new Bishop in Murray Bridge 16 August Consecration of new Bishop in Adelaide, stole given
The Northern Territory	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i>	
Wangaratta	Nothing scheduled	30-31 August Synod
Willochra <i>See also South Australia</i>	26-27 Oct Synod	No news

Provincial happenings

Province	Upcoming	Reports (prev 2 months)
NSW	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
Queensland	• Nothing scheduled	• No news
South Australia	• 9 October Committee Meeting • 30 November St Andrew's Tide Prayers for Mission	• 6 September ABM Provincial Dinner with guest speakers from ECP • 2 September Martyrs Day Evensong, St Cuthbert's, Prospect • Committee Meeting: 4 Sept postponed
Tasmania	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings	• Refer to Diocesan Happenings
Victoria	• 26 November Provincial Gathering at Christ Church South Yarra	• No news
Western Australia	• Nothing scheduled	• No news

National happenings

Upcoming

- **ABM Board Meetings 2019** 6-7 December
- **6 December** ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney

Reports

- **11-12 September** National Auxiliary Conference, Sydney
- **13-14 September** ABM Board Meeting
- **13 September** ABM Board Dinner with three ECP guest speakers

Three Months at a Glance ...

OCTOBER

- 3 Thu** *Newcastle* Working Group Meeting
- 4-6 Fri-Sun** *Bunbury* Synod
- 9 Wed** *Southern Qld, SA Province* Committee Meeting
- 11-13 Fri-Sun** *Perth* Synod
- 18 Fri** *Southern Qld* Auxiliary Meeting
- 18-20 Fri-Sun** *Melbourne, Riverina, Adelaide* Synods
- 20 Sun** *The Murray* Speaking Engagement
- 25-27 Fri-Sun** *Ballarat, Newcastle, Willochra* Synods

NOVEMBER

- 4 Mon** *Melbourne* Committee Meeting
- 8 Fri** *Adelaide* Auxiliary Thanksgiving Day
- 13 Wed** *Southern Qld* Committee Meeting
- 15 Fri** *Southern Qld* Auxiliary Meeting
- 26 Tue** *Victoria Province (Melbourne)* Provincial Meeting
- 30 Sat** *SA Provincial (Adelaide)* St Andrew's Tide Prayers for Mission
Newcastle Ordinations

DECEMBER

- 11 Wed** *Southern Qld* Committee Meeting

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