

# SPEAKERS' CORNER

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

## **"MAY ALREADY? Where has the year gone?"**

Who else has heard this said recently? As a mother of a now 22 month old I've never quite noticed time flying as quickly!

And it's not just Victoria that has been busy! ABM staff, as always have been working hard with our partners, visiting project sites, attending meetings, writing reports and plans, preparing budgets and acquittals and ensuring our relationships with our partners are strong and resilient. Just as the Church calendar goes in cycles, so does the program work.

So how about in the Dioceses? Well, thanks to you, our wonderful Diocesan Representatives with your Diocesan Auxiliaries and Speakers, much important work has been done to promote ABM and our amazing partners: from fundraising breakfasts and lunches, speaking to parishes on Sundays and MU and clergy groups during the week, arranging presentation ceremonies for Coaldrake Awards, presenting stoles to ordinands and new bishops, organising movie fundraisers and so much more...

As we prepare for Ascension and Pentecost, may we continue to faithfully serve ABM in the power of our Risen Christ, confident that the Holy Spirit is at work in the hearts of those we speak to, that they may give generously so that those who benefit from the programs ABM supports through our partners in Australia and across the Anglican Communion may also know life in its fullness.

And don't forget to let me know what's going on in your corner...

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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 – Diocesan Representatives Conference**

### **Update on Conference Planning**

**Friday Conference Dinner:** The Dinner will be held at *St Peter's Glenelg*, where we are having our conference. Speakers have been confirmed as *Bishop Cameron Venables* and *Rev'd Christy Capper*. While you may know +Cam, I thought I'd share a little of Christy's bio... An Anglican Priest from Melbourne Diocese, Christy is the Director of Missiology at Uniting College/Adelaide College of Divinity and works with the Uniting Church of South Australia in the Presbytery and Synod office on Applied Missiology Projects. She is also currently completing her PhD in 'authenticity'.

**Sunday morning Services:** If you are interested in speaking at a morning church service in Adelaide on Sunday 29 July, please let me know. Fr Andrew Minter, Rector, St Peter's Glenelg, invites you all to worship with his congregation that morning and would welcome a guest preacher

## **APPEALS UPDATE**

### **Good Friday and Easter Gifts**

STILL OPEN! Not too late to donate, so where possible remind people to send in their collections and envelopes or go online to donate.

*Details of all projects and how to donate online available from*  
[Appeals page](#)

# AROUND THE TRAPS\*

<b>DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS</b>		
Diocese	Upcoming	Reports*
<i>* Reports only cover previous 2 month period</i>		
<b>Adelaide</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	<b>2/5 Auxiliary Film Morning</b> fundraiser at Capri Theatre <b>"Finding Your Feet"</b> <b>29/7</b> Meagan Schwarz speaking at St Richard's Lockleys <b>2/9 Martyrs Day / Coaldrake Award</b> Event details TBC	Mar – 8830 palm crosses made and distributed to parishes across Adelaide and other Dioceses. Mar – funds raised from sale of spring bulbs and palm crosses 16/3 Auxiliary AGM, St Saviour's Glen Osmond
<b>Armidale</b>	Nothing scheduled	29/3 Seder Meal Maundy Thursday 11/2 Pancake Breakfast at St Mary's, in lieu of Shrove Tuesday, 19 people, raised \$245
<b>Ballarat</b>	<b>14/5 AWG &amp; ABM Annual Conference</b> Christ Church Warrnambool	14/4 Ordination of 4 Deacons, stoles and info packs presented
<b>Bathurst</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> <b>July</b> Speaking Engagement at Cowra AWA Fellowship Group	14/4 50 people attended 50th Anniversary of AWA. A "placemat" promoted the ABM Auxiliary Project for 2018 giving information about the project and PNG. Retiring collection of \$300 donated to 2018 Project
<b>Bendigo</b>	Nothing scheduled	13/2 Shrove Tues Fundraiser, Cohuna Parish, raised \$2274.64
<b>Brisbane (Southern QLD)</b>	<b>May</b> ABM Trivia Night, St Alban's Wilston <b>6/5</b> Coaldrake Award presentation and speaking engagement, Booval Parish <b>10/6 Maryborough Auxiliary</b> Centenary Service Celebration, with John Deane <b>13/6</b> Lynette Keys speaking at MU Gold Coast South <b>15/6</b> ABM Auxiliary Missionary Lunch, Bishop-elect John Roundhill guest speaker <b>July</b> Arthur to speak at Buderim Parish <b>Aug</b> Greg Henderson speaking at Parishes of Maranoa Warrego & Mitchell <b>5-7/10</b> Synod <b>Committee meetings</b> 9/5, 13/6, 11/7, 8/12, 12/9, 10/10, 14/11, 12/12 <b>Auxiliary meetings</b> 18/5, 15/6, 20/7, 17/8, 21/9, 19/10, 16/11	20/4 Auxiliary meeting 18/4 Ken spoke to 20 MU members at Palm Beach 15/4 Coaldrake Award Presentation St John's Cathedral, Brisbane 14/4 Consecration Most Rev John Roundhill 14/4 25 people attended Mission Support Breakfast, St Andrew's Lutwyche. \$600 raised. 11/4 Committee meeting 16/3 Auxiliary meeting 14/3 Committee meeting 11/3 Greg H spoke to 85 parishioners at Kawana Waters, \$1500 pledged 7/3 Installation at St Mark's Buderim – stole jointly presented by Grafton and SQ Dio Reps 16/2 Sarah G and Stephen H spent time with 18 St Francis College students 16/2 Auxiliary Meeting 14/2 Committee Meeting

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<b>Bunbury</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Canberra &amp; Goulburn</b>	<b>1/7</b> Invitation to speak at St Albans Woden	24/2 Ordination of 4 Deacons, stoles and info packs sent
<b>Gippsland</b>	<i>Awaiting appointment of new Dio Rep</i> Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Grafton</b>	<b>May</b> Mission & Ministry Region South meeting <b>26/5</b> Fundraising Lunch - +Cam guest speaker <b>15-17/6 Synod</b> display table and materials to be organised	24/2 Ordination of Priest – ABM stole presented 23/2 Informal meeting with +Sarah to discuss way forward for ABM in Grafton 4/2 Discernment Synod – ABM display table 3/2 Special Synod – ABM display table December Meetings with Ministry and Mission Regions (MMR) Committees – dates 2/2 Installation of Dean of Cathedral – ABM stole be presented
<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>Committee meetings:</b> 7/5, 25/6, 6/8, 3/9, 22/10, 3/12	18/2 Lenten Appeal Launch, Christ Church South Yarra 5/2 Committee meeting 3/2 Ordination – stoles to be given to 20 Deacons at post ordination meeting 3/2 John Deane preaching Christ Church, Sth Yarra
<b>Newcastle</b>	Nothing scheduled	2/2 Installation of new Diocesan Bishop, ABM Stole presented, attended by Chair of ABM Board
<b>North Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>North West Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Perth</b>	<b>29/5</b> Clagel Nellas, IFI-VIMROD, to speak at event TBC <b>30/5</b> Wontok Conference, All Saints, Bull Creek	18/3 Ven Lionel Snell spoke to 65 parishioners at St Andrews Anglican parish, Riverton – Shelley 13/2 Partnership in Mission meeting between ABM and Dioceses of Perth and Eldoret on the joint project with the Diocese of Eldoret 10/2 Installation of Archbishop of Perth, attended by Chair of ABM Board and Exec Director
<b>Riverina</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Rockhampton (Central QLD)</b>	<b>18-20 May</b> Synod	No news
<b>Sydney</b>	<b>23/5</b> Auxiliary meeting <b>31/5</b> Coaldrake Award presentation at Associates AGM	12/4 Committee Meeting 14/3 John D spoke at St James Institute 28/2 Sydney Auxiliary Meeting

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	26/9 Auxiliary Annual Mission Morning Tea, Christ Church St Laurence	25/2 Moya Holle spoke to 53 people at Sth Hurstville 17/2 Ordinations – 1 Deacon received stole 14/2 ABM Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch, John Deane spoke, St Luke's Concord-Burwood 1/2 Committee Meeting
<b>Tasmania</b>	1-2 June Synod	17/2 3 Deacons ordained and will receive stoles and info packs
<b>The Murray</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	25-26 May Synod	No news
<b>The Northern Territory</b>	29 May-1 June Diocesan Festival	21/2 Alice Springs Christian Minister's Fellowship Ecumenical Lenten Services Celia Kemp spoke on 'Into the Desert'
<b>Wangaratta</b>	22-23 June Synod	No news
<b>Willochra</b> <i>See also South Australia</i>	Nothing scheduled	3/2 Ordination 2 Deacons received stoles and info packs

<b>PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS</b>		
<b>Province</b>	<b>Upcoming</b>	<b>Reports*</b>
<b>New South Wales</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Queensland</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>South Australia</b>	2/5 Provincial Committee Meeting	9/2 Committee Meeting
<b>Tasmania</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Victoria</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news
<b>Western Australia</b>	Nothing scheduled	No news

<b>NATIONAL HAPPENINGS</b>
<p><u>Upcoming</u>  <b>ABM Board Meetings, Sydney: 2018</b> 1-2 Jun, 14-15 Sept, 30 Nov-1 Dec  <b>Associates AGM and Friends of ABM Function, Sydney</b> 31 May  <b>Diocesan Representatives Conference, Adelaide</b> 27-29 July  <b>National Auxiliary Council Meeting, Sydney</b> 12-13 September  <b>ABM Board Dinner, Sydney</b> 14 September  <b>ABM Board/Staff Day, Sydney</b> 30 Nov</p> <p><u>Reports</u>            ABM Board met on 9-10 March            Transforming Service Conference, Melbourne 12 April. To learn more about this Conference, visit <a href="http://www.transformingservice.com/">http://www.transformingservice.com/</a></p>

# AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

May	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday					<i>Nthn Territory Dio Festival</i> <i>Perth Speaking Engagement</i>
Wednesday	<i>Adelaide Auxiliary Film Morning</i>	<i>Bne C'ttee Mtg</i>		<i>Syd Auxiliary Mtg</i>	<i>Perth Wontok Conference</i>
Thursday					<i>Associates AGM / Friends of ABM Function</i> <i>Syd Coaldrake Award Pres'n</i>
Friday			<i>Rockhampton Synod</i> <i>Bne Aux Mtg</i>	<i>The Murray Synod</i>	
Saturday				<i>Grafton Fundraising Lunch</i>	
Sunday					
Monday	<i>Melb C'ttee Mtg</i>	<i>Ballarat AWG &amp; ABM Annual Conference</i>			

June	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Friday	<i>Nthn Territory Dio Festival</i> <i>Tasmania Synod</i>		<i>Bne Auxiliary Mtg</i> <i>Grafton Synod</i>	<i>Wangaratta Synod</i>	
Saturday	<i>Tasmania Synod</i>				
Sunday		<i>Bne Dio Maryborough Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>			
Monday				<i>Melb C'ttee Mtg</i>	
Tuesday					
Wednesday		<i>Bne C'ttee Mtg, Speaking Engagement</i>			
Thursday					

July	W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	W/B 22 <sup>nd</sup>	W/B 29 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday				<i>Adl Speaking Engagement</i>	<i>Diocesan Reps Conference, Adelaide</i>
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Tuesday					
Wednesday		<i>Bne C'ttee Mtg</i>			
Thursday					
Friday			<i>Bne Auxiliary Mtg</i>	<i>Diocesan Reps Conference, Adelaide</i>	
Saturday					

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