

# CONNECTIONS

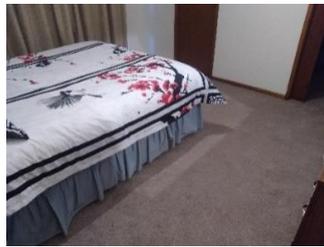
Changes from Robyn Keath

On Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>, Rev Graham Snell preached a wonderful service on dealing with change.

I have been reflecting on some of the many changes in my life in recent months. Whilst cleaning up in our bedroom I came across my farewell speech after I was made redundant from Campaspe Shire in June 2011. The speech finished with these words "Thank you Lord Jesus Christ, that you have me in the palm of your hand. You have done a SWOT analysis of me and although I was unworthy you made me worthy of your love by your death on the cross. I lay hold of your promise to me - "See, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5.

A few weeks later I started work at James Stockfeed in Nathalia, this job was wonderful for me and allowed me to heal, regain my self-confidence and reconnect with my agricultural roots. Although I enjoyed my ten years working and had adapted well to working from home during the pandemic, I decided it was time to retire in September.

The timing was perfect, as it was just after Rev David went on leave, prior to his move to the Bellarine Peninsula and as a consequence, my workload as Church Warden increased significantly. Whilst spending so much extra time at home, I was increasingly aware that our house needed some very overdue maintenance and arranged to replace all 45-year-old floor coverings (see below). The renovations have taken over 12 months so far. In the process, almost all the furniture has been moved, we have sorted lots of "stuff", filled several rubbish bins and, there is plenty more to do!



Dark 1970's carpet replaced with new lighter colour in the Bedrooms and Living room.

Currently St Andrews is going through a season of change. This is not always an easy process and may involve taking on some new challenges as well as setting aside some old practices. We need to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ for all the days ahead.

I want to thank Evelyn, Margaret, Irene, and all of you, for your patience and the extra work that you are putting in to keep things going until Jacob starts early next year. I am sure God has great things in store for us.



*"5. And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. Revelation 21:5-7. God bless. Robyn*



## MOTHERS UNION

Remember to keep this date.  
**Mothers Union Special Christmas Service  
will be held on Wednesday 8 December at  
1.30pm. Val McKenzie 0427 522 209**

## CHRISTMAS IS UPON US.

St. Paul's Christmas Cards and Gift Shop info-  
Open from Nov 10 to Dec 18  
8 Myers St. Bendigo.

**Prayer Group re-starting** We are planning to re-start the weekly meeting for prayer at a suitable time for everyone. So far, we have had a suggestion for 2 pm on a Monday or Tuesday. Please let me know if you are interested and what time you prefer. The Prayer chain still is in operation. Don't hesitate to phone or text either Phyl Stokes, on **0417 621 330**) or myself, on **0418 511 330** if you have any requests. Blessings, Patti Harrison.

# Parish of St Andrews Anglican Church – Kyabram

**Service times:** 9am in the Church. 11am, family service in the Hall – 14 November 2021

**Archdeacon George Hemmings is with us this week.**

A warm welcome everyone. It's a blessing to have you with us each week.

“The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

**Readings Today:** Mark 13:1-11, Hebrews 10:11-18, 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2: 1-8

Next Week's Readings: Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14, Psalm 93] 2 Samuel 23.1–7 Psalm 132.1–12 (13–18) Revelation 1.4b–8 John 18.33–37

## Prayer of the day

O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast,  
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:  
maintain the hope of the poor,  
so that the time may soon come  
when no one need want for food and shelter,  
and all will learn to share freely  
following the example of your Son,  
who gave his very self;  
who now lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters;<sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb.<sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.<sup>7</sup> So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.<sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”<sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.<sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly.<sup>11</sup> She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death.” 1 Samuel 2: 1-8



## Lego Challenge

Bendigo Anglican Diocese

Recreate any scene from

### THE NATIVITY

Diorama, Model, Stop-motion video or other creation

Open to children of all ages  
(even adults if supervised by a child!)

Entries Close: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Submit entries (or ask questions):  
Archdeacon George  
[archdeacon@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:archdeacon@bendigoanglican.org.au)



## Diocesan Lego Challenge -

Entries need to be in by the 11<sup>th</sup> December. This time entries need represent some aspect of the nativity. Something to do with the grandchildren

## Key Register Update -

Would every one who has any keys related to the Church please contact either Evelyn or Robyn with what keys they have.

- Pray for the Parish finances, we are not meeting current commitments.
- for our new ministry team, Jacob and Sarah and little Theodore.
- for wisdom for those in leadership
- for those suffering with co-vid, war or famine.
- for those in the health care system under pressure.
- wisdom for Bishop Matt and families
- for the Hartin, Nurse and Roe families



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