

Prayer for Embers Days:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in your Church: look with mercy and favour on all who are called to serve you in the sacred ministry, that they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Stories to Inspire

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021



As we pray for those to be made Deacon tomorrow at St Paul's Cathedral – click here

- **Bentollhoda Ameri** Emmanuel Iranian Authorised Anglican Congregation
- **Rosalyn Armstrong** St Mary's Sunbury
- **Kirsty Brown** St Columb's Hawthorn
- **Dietrich Cheung** St Timothy's Bulleen
- **Bruce Everett** St Agnes Black Rock & Brotherhood of St Laurence
- **Russell Goulbourne** Christ Church Brunswick
- **Patricia Hunt** Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing & the Australian Defence Force
- **Gordon Li** Glen Waverley Anglican Church
- **Ruth Li** Christ Church Melton
- **Angus Monro** St Mark's Camberwell & Workplace chaplaincy
- **Debra Saffrey-Collins** Brotherhood of St Laurence & Parish of Gisborne
- **Peter Shih** St Hilary's Kew w. Nth Balwyn & Mont Albert Nth
- **Agatha Wakyezeza** Brimbank Anglican Church
- **Luke Whiteside** Upper Yarra Anglican Parish
- **Breannon Wilkinson** Glen Waverley Anglican Church
- **James Young** St John's Cranbourne w. Christ Church Tooradin

As we pray for those beginning new ministries

Rev'd Randle Bond at St Barnabas' Balwyn

Rev'd Mark Juers at St. Mary's Caulfield and St. Clement's Elsternwick (Oaktree)

Rev'd Dr Gregory Seach as Incumbent at St George's Malvern

Rev'd Ben Wong at St Mark's Templestowe
in a cooperating arrangement with St Timothy's Bulleen

Rev'd John Sanderson at St Paul's East Kew
in a cooperating arrangement with St George's East Ivanhoe

Rev'd Andrew Dircks as Area Dean of Camberwell

Rev'd John Mathes retiring from Christ Church Essendon and as Area Dean of Coburg

Rev'd Kate Heath leaving St Alban's Coburg West for the parish of Lambton (Diocese of Newcastle)

Rev'd Ron Johnson moving from Holy Trinity Pascoe Vale to St Nicholas' Mordialloc

PUBLIC HOUSING MINISTRY

St Jude's Carlton

One of the ways that people are marginalised in Australia is technologically. So while churches, including St. Jude's, turned to live streaming and Zoom during lockdown these were not options which everyone could access. St. Jude's Estate's Community Church includes many people who not only don't have computers or know how to use them, but don't even have smart phones. We have responded to that by providing church services using text messaging. The challenge here is to present the gospel in narrow strings of text where sermons are measured in millimetres rather than minutes. The blessings are that we can send them to an ex congregant who lives in an aged care facility in Rochester in northern Victoria and a church member can forward them to a friend in Marooopa.

All of our Iranian congregants however do have smart phones so we are using Whatsapp to provide them with a Sunday service. One of our members, Samira, writes the liturgy in Farsi and I record the sermon and post it as an audio file.

With both Sunday services, as has been the case with our previous live services on the public housing estate, simple language is the key.

Many public tenants have limited education and refugees generally have limited fluency in English. The very good news is that glory of God's revelation of himself in Christ Jesus can be proclaimed in ribbons of simple words, in any language and any format. Words of life don't need verbosity or grand display only truth.

– *Geoff Kennedy*

SAVE THE DATE

Marmingatha Episcopate Conference
17 – 19 May 2021

Optional reTreat

Monday afternoon until Tuesday Morning

Episcopate Conference

Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon

Further details to follow next month

As we pray for these people and ministries, may you be inspired by their 'yes' to God's call on their lives. We all begin a new year of ministry bringing the uncertainties and challenges of last year with it. For some of us January has been hard such as for Vanessa Bennett with the death of her father – please pray.

Whether for one person or for many, the different stories of how the light of Christ is made manifest through our ministries continue to inspire.

 [Click here for this weeks' video message from the Archbishop](#)

*Please send your story to inspire for March...
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