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Prayer for those affected by the Victorian bushfire

From Rod Benson, (Ethicist and Director of Public Theology, Tinsley Institute, Morling College, NSW.)

For our losses
Today, Lord God, we join together with all Victorians,
and with all Australians,
to pray for the victims of these tragic bushfires,
and for the families of those who perished.



We pray for the children who will go to bed tonight
without their mother or father.
We pray for the mums and dads
who have lost their precious children.
We pray for the husbands and wives who will return
to towns reduced to tears and homes reduced to ash.
We pray for the families throughout our nation
who have lost those they dearly love.
We pray for those who survived but who suffer,
and who bear the memory of the fire.
We pray for the firefighters, police officers,
ambulance officers, and emergency workers
who have served so well and toiled so long
in such terrible conditions.

We pray for relief from pain,
for healing and peace,
for comfort and restful sleep.
We pray for patience and strength,
for courage and hope,
to face another day
and walk another mile

and share another road
in the strong name of Jesus. Amen. Rod Benson

Brother Matthew from Taize comes to Perth

The Council of Churches of WA invites everyone to join in worship in the manner of Taize, on Thursday the 19th February 2009 at 7pm at St Hilda's Anglican Church in North Perth.

We will be delighted to have one of the brothers from Taize to assist us in the worship.

Musicians are invited to attend the church at 6:30pm to practice the music.

The address of St Hilda's is Cnr View & Glebe Streets, North Perth
Contact: The Revd Eira Clapton 9274 3888



Other places to join in:

Taize Itinerary Br Matthew Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19
February 2009

Tuesday 17 February 2009

9am - Practice

Sacred Heart College, Sorrento

Contact Carol Young 9246 8200

Young.Carol@cathednet.wa.edu.au

9:30am - Service

Sacred Heath College, Sorrento

Pm: John XXIII College, Mt Claremont

Contact Bernadette Canny 9380 0400

Canny.Bernadette@cathednet.wa.edu.au

7pm - Practice

Our Lady of Grace, North Beach

Contact: Joan Burke 9448 4888

7:30pm - Service

Our Lady of Grace, North Beach

Wednesday 18 February 2009

9:30am - Practice

St Mary's Church, Leederville

Contact Chris Kan 9444 9355

10am - Service

St Mary's Church, Leederville

Hosted by: Aaranmore Catholic College

11:30am - Practice

All Saints' Chapel, Ewing Avenue Bull Creek
Contact Fr Braden 9313 9333

12pm - Service

All Saints' Chapel, Ewing Avenue Bull Creek
Hosted by All Saints' College

6:30pm - Practice

All Saints' Chapel, Ewing Avenue Bull Creek
Contact Fr Braden 9313 9333

7pm - Service

All Saints' Chapel, Ewing Avenue Bull Creek
Hosted by Bull Creek Leeming Parish

Thursday 19 February 2009

AM: Trinity College, East Perth

Contact Gerard Theseira 9325 3655
theseira.gerard@trinity.wa.edu.au

1pm - Practice

Perth College

Judith Cottier Theatre, Mt Lawley

Contact: The Revd Gerry Nixon 94712224

1:30pm - Service

Perth College

Judith Cottier Theatre, Mt Lawley

Hosted by Perth College

In Memoriam

From the Bishop of the North West, David Mulready we have learned that a former member of the Council of Churches' Executive, Archdeacon Bill Warburton went to be with the Lord yesterday, Monday February 2 at 10am in Geraldton following a stroke on December 30 in Perth.



Bill's funeral will be held in the Holy Cross Cathedral in Geraldton at 1pm on Tuesday 10 February 2009 followed by a Committal at the Geraldton Crematorium at 2.30pm. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish hall from 11.45am instead of after the service.

In lieu of flowers, Jennifer has requested that gifts may be given towards the newly established "Bill Warburton memorial fund" to be administered by the Diocese of the North West for the training of new Ministers. Please see attached.

LAUNCHING THE "BILL WARBURTON MEMORIAL FUND"

The late Bill Warburton was larger than life. Throughout his

57 year's work as an Anglican Minister, Bill has touched the lives of thousands of people both within and outside of the Church. He was greatly loved and respected and will be greatly missed.

Bill was committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and did everything he could to make Christ known. He longed for people to turn to the Lord and follow Jesus.

Together, Bill and Jennifer have served in the Missionary Diocese of North West Australia for 20 years, serving in Port Hedland, Dongara and the Cathedral Parish. Bill has 'retired' several times but has kept serving the Lord as a Diocesan Trustee, Diocesan Administrator and Vicar-General and more lately as the Bishop's advisor. There are not many Parishes in which Bill has not ministered in some way in this vast Diocese.

As one way of remembering and honouring Bill's contribution to the Diocese of the North West, a memorial fund is being launched, to which gifts are invited and the income from which will be used to train other Ministers for service in the North West.

Gifts may be sent to the Secretary, P.O. Box 2783, Geraldton. 6531 and made payable to "Diocese of North West Australia" with a covering note indicating that the gift is to be added to "the Bill Warburton memorial fund". Jennifer will be advised of the names of the contributors and the progress of the fund will be reported on through the North West Network.

Churches Putting Sticks Together for Reconciliation

Reconciliation in the midst of brokenness is the practical theme which thousands of Australia's Christians are seeking to explore here, and with others across the world, as part of this year's global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU).

The theme for the 2009 WPCU has been developed by Korean churches, choosing Ezekiel 37:15-28 and the prayer that "they shall be one in my hand. ... They will be my people and I shall be their God". Just as the prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of the uniting of two pieces of wood, symbolising the two kingdoms into which Israel had been divided, so today's Churches are seeking God's grace to reconcile the divided sticks and strands of our lives, peoples and world.

The National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) has adapted this material, which is available to download at



www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au. Here you will find worship service formats (including PowerPoint version), daily prayer and reflection materials, practical suggestions for churches to implement together, further information and a flyer to purchase prayer cards and posters.

In 2009 (which is also the UN Year of Reconciliation), the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity overlaps with Reconciliation Week in Australia. The WPCU resources offer fresh encouragement to Australian churches to worship together locally, to witness to their unity in Christ, and to pray and act for the greater visible expression of that unity, not least in the context of our journey towards national Reconciliation. Such a prayer base also further strengthens Christian commitment to seeking peace and reconciliation for all in the worldwide Decade to Overcome Violence.

Among the many ecumenical events being planned for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia is a joint confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday to be led by the Most Revd Michael Malone, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and the Rt Revd Brian Farran, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. This is a historic first within Australia and a further expression of the growing Christian commitment between Australian Churches.

To download Week of Prayer for Christian unity materials, go to:
www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au

For further information, please contact:
The NCCA office, 02 9229 2215 or secretariat@ncca.org.au; or
the Revd Dr Jonathan Inkipin, Secretary of the NCCA's Faith & Unity Commission (02 9299 2215 or 0410 5893013); or the Council of Churches of WA

Pope Shenouda receives Anglican primates in Alexandria

Following a private meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams, His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, the Coptic Pope, received the Primates of the Anglican Communion at the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate in Alexandria on Saturday evening, 31 January. The Primates are meeting in Alexandria in the latest of their series of regular meetings.

In thanking Pope Shenouda for his warm welcome and hospitality the Archbishop of Canterbury drew attention to the significance of meeting together in the city where many of the universal doctrines of the Christian faith were formed and where the seeds of the Christian monastic movement had been sown in the third century.

Pope Shenouda welcomed the Primates. Bishops, he said, had a special responsibility to guide their people in the path



of holiness. Engaging with the young was particularly important. The Coptic Church in Cairo alone was providing Sunday school education to between 30 and 40,000 children. He also gave an account of the resurgence of the Coptic monasteries in Egypt. There were more than twenty communities with over 100 monks each.

Bishop Mouneer Anis, Anglican bishop in Egypt and Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East thanked Pope Shenouda for his generosity and paid tribute to his extraordinary teaching ministry based at the Coptic Cathedral in Cairo.

Events for the Heart and Mind

In This Issue: Christian Meditation Community (WA) Community Day; Buy Fair Trade Chocolate for Valentine's Day; World Day of Prayer services.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY (WA) INC
COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday 21 FEBRUARY 2009 - 10am to 4pm TOPIC:

EXPLORING CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

Presented by Fr Paschal Kearney

Venue: St Cecilia's Parish Centre

Cnr Grantham St and Kenmore Ave, Floreat

ALL WELCOME

The program will include

- periods of meditation
- Books Available
- Donation at Door
- BYO Lunch
- Coffee & Tea Provided

Enquiries: CMC WA - 9444.5810 Marian 9387.4716 or
Anne 9335.8142

www.christianmeditationaustralia.org



Buy Fair


70% of the world's chocolate is produced in West Africa – where there are estimated to be 12,000 child slaves working in the industry. PLEASE buy fair trade chocolate this Valentine's Day and Easter.

World Day of Prayer 2009

The theme is " In Christ We are Many Members, Yet One Body"

The City service is to be held at Trinity Uniting Church - 72 St. George's Tce Perth at 1pm on Friday 6th March.

Contact the Council of Churches for a list of places holding World Day of Prayer services in 2009.



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