



## Lovers of the Place<sup>\*</sup>

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans  
Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> September  
24TH Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(by hand to those without email)

### OUR KAREN FRIENDS

In the September issue of [The Melbourne Anglican](#) (click here to view or download as a PDF) you can read the article below about what is happening in Myanmar. More dire now as in recent days the country has descended into civil war.

\*Fr Moewin (pictured) has written to us with an update of prayer requests (see letters).

# They can't breathe: Myanmar's military rulers deny oxygen to their people in COVID crisis

**Myanmar's military leaders are reserving oxygen for themselves and their cronies as hundreds of the people they rule die each week from COVID-19. Bishop Paul Barker, who has taught in the country for many years, writes about the pain of losing friends – a pain deeply felt also by St Stephen's Karen Congregation in Werribee.**

**M**y friend, Peter, died of COVID-19 in late July. A fit and healthy 74-year-old, Peter had no hospital he could go to for help. There was no official provision of oxygen, though some had been found privately. Peter died at home, with his wife and daughter beside him. Joy, his wife, is recovering herself from COVID, as is their daughter.

We expect a functioning health system, with free access to hospitals for COVID treatment, easy access for COVID tests, quick results and the supply of oxygen

when needed. But Peter died in Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city.

There is no functioning medical system in Myanmar as health workers largely opposed February's military coup. Doctors who seek to help people with COVID are harassed or arrested by authorities. Indeed, the former

head of the country's vaccination program has been arrested and accused of high treason. Oxygen is scarce, reserved for the junta and their cronies. Friends have told me how the military has confiscated oxygen tanks and concentrators from people, and forced factories to stop producing them. Queues

defy curfew and arrests simply to scrounge oxygen for those gasping for breath. Millions of dollars of COVID aid money from the UN sent in February have been unaccounted for by the military.

More than 60 pastors in Chin State died of COVID in recent weeks, along with hundreds of others, a death toll that will be absent from any official record. Unofficial estimates suggest well over 100 deaths from COVID-19

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In the two Bible colleges I have regularly taught in for the past 15 years, at least seven faculty have, or have had, COVID, some requiring oxygen. At least half a dozen clergy in Yangon diocese have



The Revd Moewin Tunkin.

COVID, and all the diocesan and Bible college drivers.

In a country plunged into a coup, led by a military who do not care and are only there to fleece the

nation, again, COVID runs riot. Almost everyone knows someone with COVID. More than 20 of my friends, former colleagues and students, have COVID, several seriously, including the young.

My friend Peter continued to work “in retirement” following many years working in faith-based

development organisations. He has had a long history of association with the Anglican Board of Mission, AOA and World Vision. Peter has two daughters in Melbourne. Alison attends St Alfred's North Blackburn. She and her sister Wendy, and families, are grieving. There is a grief exacerbated by distance, the difficulty of

saying good-bye, the inability to return for a funeral and mutual comfort, and the anger at the illegitimate government's evil disdain for people.

The Revd Moewin Tunkin, Priest-in-Charge of our St Stephen's Karen Congregation in Werribee, has lost his aunty recently, despite her being able to source some oxygen. Aunty was a surrogate mother to Moewin when he was a teenager. They were close. Moewin is grieving her loss. Moewin's uncle now is also ill with COVID. Numerous

of the parishioners of St Stephen's Karen congregation have had relatives and friends die of COVID in Karen State in Myanmar. Here is a large congregation grieving deeply.

It is easy to feel helpless. The military has frozen bank accounts, limited withdrawals, and plunged

the nation back into widespread poverty. Ten years ago, after half a century of military rule, the once rice-exporting nation imported rice and 48 per cent of its people lived below the poverty line. Before COVID hit, the percentage of those living in poverty had halved under Aung San Suu Kyi's

government. Those in poverty are expected to double by next year. Coup and COVID are wreaking havoc as the infrastructure of the society collapses. A major humanitarian crisis is emerging.

Another friend, Ronald, whose mother died from COVID and who is himself recovering from COVID, is trying to source money

for oxygen in his community on the edge of Yangon. It is risky, knowing authorities may find out and stop him or even arrest him. But Christian compassion compels him. His is far from a unique situation. Many others are seeking to do the same.

Anglican Overseas Aid has launched an emergency appeal through ABM for money to support people in dire need in Myanmar. This appeal will supply money for oxygen, medicines and personal protective equipment. There are secure avenues to ensure

this support gets to those in need, via people known to and trusted by AOA. While church members will benefit, the church will also be able to offer help to others in their communities, a witness to Jesus' love and generosity.

Let me urge your prayer and generosity. Details can be found

here: <https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/our-work/emergencies/myanmar-covid-19-appeal/>

Bishop Paul Barker is Bishop of Jumbunna Episcopate and has taught in Myanmar for many years. He is Deputy Chair of the Board of Anglican Overseas Aid.

*\*We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).*

## HERITAGE GRANT SUCCESSFUL



Parish Council is excited to announce that we have been successful in our application for a Living Heritage Grant from Heritage Victoria who have matched, dollar for dollar, the \$39,000 given by our generous donors. This \$78,000 will fund the first stage of the restoration of the St George's tower. Work is due to begin early 2022.

### ST GEORGE'S TOWER FOR CLIMATE ACTION

We are preparing for our part in the two days of Interfaith Global Climate Action by faith communities around the world. This coordinated global action is designed to influence our leaders to be more ambitious in the carbon reduction targets they take to COP 26 in Glasgow in November 2021.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, following our 10.00am Eucharist at St Georges, we will ring the StGeorge's bell (which is electronic at the moment because of the structural weaknesses of the tower), and unfurl a banner from the tower. From a number of possibilities, Parish Council came up with the following wording:

For the sake of all beings

No more coal or gas

### LETTERS

Dear Fr Peter,

I would like to update the name list for requesting prayer.



*A group of young people has been recruited to bring oxygen tanks from factories for medical use.*

Please also pray for Myanmar as it is going into civil war. On behalf of the Karen congregation, I would like to say a big thank you to you all for praying for those who requesting the prayer, praying for our congregation.

Please continue praying for us and we also praying for you.

God peace and love,

Moewin

**These have passed away:** Saw Judson has passed away by covid. Naw Thu Lay Paw's Family - the father pass away by covid.

**Prayers to get well:** Saw Tar Toe; Naw Hser Gay Moo; Saw Aye Than; Saw Moses; Naw Mu Nun; Naw Kyi Mu; Naw Sheropaw; Saw Aung Myit; John Will Min; Naw Nin Nwe Lay; Naw May Nin Cho; There are two new people requesting prayer; Saw Kay Ler Moo suffers covid-19; Naw Cha Dah suffers mental health & depression.

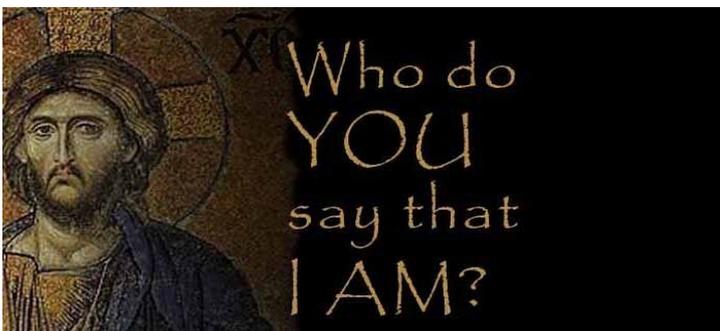
Anglican Board of Mission Myanmar Emergency appeal. To donate [CLICK HERE](#)

### GOSPEL OF THE DAY

#### Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your



mind not on divine things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

**ORDER OF SERVICE & READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER : [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: [CLICK HERE](#)**

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### **Prayer for Sunday**

God of mercy,  
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,  
to trust you, even when hope is failing,  
and to take up our cross daily  
and follow you in your redeeming work;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Prayer of the week**

O God, without you we are not able to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Nations and Peoples** Afghanistan; Myanmar

### **The Church**

**Our Parish:** Parish Council Meeting on Monday  
**Oodthenong Episcopate:** Staff at The Anglican Centre;  
Geelong Grammar Sunday service (Bp Kate Prowd)  
**Melbourne:** Angliss Health Services; The Anglican Parish of Rowville and Ferntree Gully (Hilton Jordan, Luke Pedersen); Holy Trinity Lara 50th Anniversary Holy Communion Service – (Abp Philip Freier); St Philip’s Mt Waverley (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker)

**National:** The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People)

**Global:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimo Mndolwa, Primate)

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican](#).

**Mission** The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people • The Anglican Church of Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai 日本聖公会) See p. 6 • United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission](#).

**Our Common Home** – October 17-18 – Days of Global Climate Action by faith communities.

**Requests** From Fr Peter. We continue to be enormously encouraged by the way our sustained prayers for people and for situations, in the mystery of God’s loving purposes for us all, seem to play a part in positive outcomes. If you would like to add your name, or the name of another, please inform either myself (contact details below) or Ros Myer (mb 0418 527 355; email. [rosalindmyer@gmail.com](mailto:rosalindmyer@gmail.com)). Please note this prayer list is cleared every month. This means names may be removed from the list if the current situation is not known. If you find that a name has been removed and you would like prayers to continue, please let us know so that the name can be reinstated. Privacy – When making a prayer request, please: 1. tell us if you would you prefer the name to be kept confidential, and not appear on the list. 2. be aware, if you are requesting prayers for someone else, you will need their permission for their name to appear on the list, or be sure they would have no objection, in circumstances where permission is difficult to obtain.

Jenny; Ken; Pam; Mary-Anne; Zoe, Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron; Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi; Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Ben; Terry; Trish; Ros

### **Communion of Saints**

**Sanctoral cycle this week** Cyprian of Cathage, bishop and martyr (d. 258); John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush bother (d. 1947); Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d. c. 432); Hildegards of Bingen, abbess, spiritual writer (d. 1179); John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of Western Australia

**Recently died** Bartley Edward (Ted) Bailey d. 16.8.2021  
**Anniversaries** Doris Hilda (Pelzer) Ross 12.09.1997; Clara Mason 13.09.1955; Conway Duncan Crigan 13.09.1986; Kyrle Sydney Kelvin Chambers\* 13.09.1994; Kathleen Beatrice Crisp 14.09.2001; Robert Sherwood Houghton 14.09.2018; Capt.K.R. Jordan 15.09.1983; Raymond Lesley Butler 15.09.1988; Elizabeth June Milne 15.09.2017; Dorothy Rita Crossland 16.09.2005; Pamela Petrie 16.09.2005; Lance Edwin Sawyer 17.09.1971

An asterisk\* signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James’ Memorial Garden

A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George’s Memorial Garden

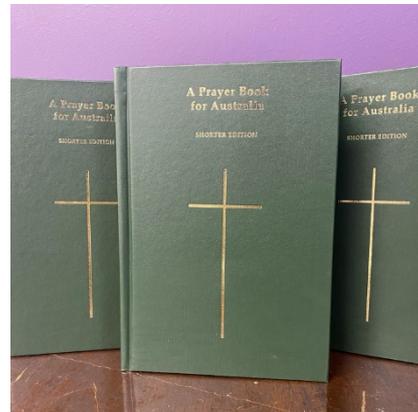
## WHAT’S IN A WORD - JENNI’S GOOGLE WANDERINGS AND WONDERINGS

### Continuing on with “The Anglican church in Australia”. Part 3.

The Anglican Church of Australia, known officially until 1981 as the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, became self-governing in 1961. Its general synod agreed that the **Book of Common Prayer** was to "be regarded as the authorised standard of worship and doctrine in this Church". After a series of experimental services offered in many dioceses during the 1960s and 70s, in 1978 **An Australian Prayer**

**Book** was produced, formally as a supplement to the book of 1662, although in fact it was widely taken up in place of the old book. The AAPB sought to adhere to the principle that, where the liturgical committee could not agree on a formulation, the words or expressions of the Book of Common Prayer were to be used, if in a modern idiom. The result was a conservative revision, including two forms of eucharistic rite: a First Order that was essentially the 1662 rite in more contemporary language, and a Second Order that reflected the Liturgical Movement norms, but without elements such as a eucharistic epiclesis or other features that would have represented a departure from the doctrine of the old Book.

**A Prayer Book for Australia**, produced in 1995 and again not technically a substitute for 1662, nevertheless departed from both the structure and wording of the **Book of Common Prayer**, prompting conservative reaction. Numerous objections were made and the notably conservative evangelical Diocese of Sydney drew attention both to the loss of BCP wording and of an explicit "biblical doctrine of substitutionary atonement". Sydney delegates to the general synod sought and obtained various concessions but that diocese never adopted the book. The Diocese of Sydney has instead developed its own prayer book, called Sunday Services, to "supplement" the 1662 prayer book (which, as elsewhere in Australia, is rarely used), and preserve the original theology which the Sydney diocese asserts has been changed. In 2009 the Diocese published Better Gatherings which includes the book Common Prayer (published 2012), an updated revision of Sunday Services. We closely follow **A Prayer Book for Australia** for Sunday Eucharist and on Wednesday the service is based on the **Book of Common Prayer**, however there is scope for the Liturgical Committee/Priest to vary services with certain limits.



All ordained Anglicans, at the time of ordination, make solemn promises to use only these authorised liturgies. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican\\_Church\\_of\\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Church_of_Australia)

### MORNING PRAYER

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09</a>					

### EVENING PRAYER

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDdMQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDdMQT09</a>					

### MEDITATION

8.30AM	8.00AM	8.30AM
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09</a>		

The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))



Parish members participate in the local community movement, Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#))

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