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Ordination of Paul Hobby

By Fr Norman Hart
[Photos: Phil Squires]

ON February 25, at the Anglican Cathedral in Wangaratta, hundreds of people from around the Diocese (from Albury to Kilmore and Marysville to Shepparton) came to witness the making of three new deacons. Former Euroa resident, Paul Hobby, was one of the candidates.

The cathedral bells rang out joyously, the congregation sang lustily and the church was decorated with banners. The incense and the vestments reminded all, of the ancient traditions being followed. It was a wonderful celebration.

The Reverend Paul Hobby began his training and studies while still living in Euroa with his wife Lisa and their daughters, Faith and Grace. Paul began his studies at Trinity Theological College, Melbourne, part-time and at the same time worked to support his family as an arborist, so he was a very busy man. Last year, funds were made available to enable Paul to concentrate on and continue his preparation for the ministry, full-time, in Wangaratta.

St Paul's congregation were sad to farewell Paul and family 12 months ago, but all were very happy about the next step that he was taking.

To commemorate this special occasion, the Anglican Parish of Euroa gave Paul a white stole with Aboriginal motifs as an ordination gift. As Assistant curate, Paul has been appointed to the Cathedral where he will assist the Dean in taking services and caring for the congregation.

Paul joins with other past Euroa residents who have joined the Anglican ministry in Alan Jarred and Elizabeth Smith.



Our Mission is:

To reveal God's love through
words and actions
empowered by the Holy Spirit

Ladies' Fellowship Group: The executive group for 2017 are Margaret Brook (chairperson), Pam Breen (Assistant) and Nan Sullivan (Treasurer). In February, the group met in the vestry to share 'Childhood Memories'. In March, they travelled by car across to Dookie to visit a doll museum and enjoyed lunch together. Each month different events are planned, in the

endeavour to keep it varied and interesting. Parishioners will be notified each month via the pew leaflet.

Church Services for the Anglican Parish of Euroa (leading up to and following Easter)

Wednesday, 5 April: 10am St Paul's, Euroa

Sunday, 9 April - PALM SUNDAY: 8am St Andrew's, Longwood; 9:30am St Paul's, Euroa; 11:30am St Dunstan's, Violet Town

Wednesday, 12 April: 10am St Paul's, Euroa

Thursday, 13 April - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6pm St Paul's, Euroa

Friday, 14 April - GOOD FRIDAY: 9am Good Friday liturgy at St Paul's, Euroa
11am Stations of the Cross in the Pub Paddock, Longwood
6pm Stations of the Cross at St Dunstan's, Violet Town

Sunday, 16 April - EASTER DAY: 8am St Andrew's, Longwood; 9:30am St Paul's, Euroa; 11:30am St Dunstan's, Violet Town

Wednesday, 19 April: 10am St Paul's, Euroa

Sunday, 23 April - COMBINED PARISH SERVICE: 10:30am St Paul's, Euroa
Celebrant and Preacher Bishop John Parkes

Wednesday, 26 April: 10am St Paul's, Euroa

Sunday, 30 April: 8am St Andrew's, Longwood; 9:30am St Paul's, Euroa

Wednesday, 3 May: 10am St Paul's, Euroa

Sunday, 7 May: 8am St Andrew's, Longwood; 9:30am St Paul's, Euroa



St Paul's Tower Roof

In recent weeks, residents of Euroa may have seen some activity up on high, if you were driving past St Paul's. Your eyes weren't deceiving you, as the tower roof has now been totally replaced by Josh Bell & Co. There have been concerns for quite some time, as the roofing iron was very rusty. It is a pity that we can't see it but as you will see from the photos, it is quite a sight.



Anglican Parish of Euroa

Annual Fete

Date: Saturday, 29 April – 9am – 1pm

A small group has been meeting since February and plans are now in place for the fete.

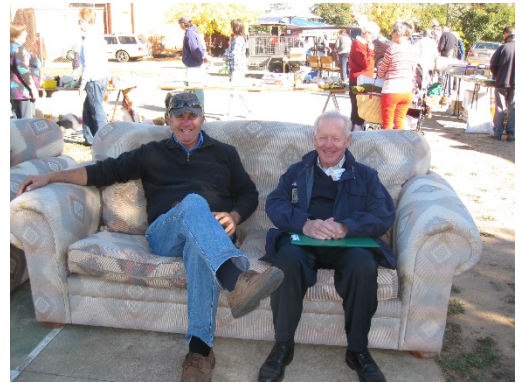
Food: Morning tea + Barbeque

Stalls: Cakes, produce, plants, craft, china, jewellery, books, toys, manure, etc.

Children: free activities

Music by Phil & friends

Raffles: a load of wood, a decorated cake and a dinner to the value of \$200 at 'Graze on Clifton'



Garage sale on the tennis court + Op Shop open

Parishioners can assist with:

- Cakes, slices, etc. for the cake stall
- Plants, produce and craft items
- Selling raffle tickets
- Assistance on the day – on stalls, setting up from 8am
- Anything else that you can think of – all help greatly appreciated

[Look for our new banner – on display soon]



Around Our Churches

St Andrew's, Longwood: Some major changes will be noticed soon around this delightful church in Longwood. The church and Sunday school building will be painted, the front fence will be replaced, old trees removed and new ones planted. In addition, the septic tank will be replaced and the toilet will get a facelift. All of this work has been planned for but the Longwood parishioners are more motivated this year as the church will be used for a wedding, later in the year.



St Paul's, Euroa: The Memorial Garden is a feature of St Paul's grounds and there is now a better watering system in place, that will hopefully make the job of keeping the garden going in the drier months. There are plans to grade and add to the surface of all driveways in the grounds, which will hopefully occur prior to the fete. A working bee will be held early in April, also in preparation for the fete. John and Nan Sullivan, who have worked tirelessly in the church and rectory grounds over many years, are now retiring. St Paul's will need a crew to continue on with the excellent maintenance that has been done by Nan and John, so we are asking for volunteers for a variety of jobs, or you can contact any of the Parish Councillors. The tower roof has been replaced (see pictures above). The Rectory has

had some work done but we will continue to upgrade many areas/aspects of this building.



St Dunstan's, Violet Town by Drusilla Green

The regular folk at St D's have been enjoying having the church in tip top condition after the final flurry to have it ready for Renae and Aaron's wedding mentioned in the last newsletter.

We were grateful to Rev Rob Whalley filling in for Christmas while Rev Patti looked after Norman. Our Christmas Eve service is always a joyful occasion.

St Dunstan's has been host for the ecumenical 'World Day of Prayer' service, supporting work in the Philippines with women who have experienced family difficulties.

St Dunstan's also participates in other regular ecumenical activities; helping with the Uniting Church Pancake Day fundraiser, fifth Sunday services, and the Good Friday service is rotated around the denominations. This year 'Stations of the Cross' is at St Dunstan's at 6pm on Good Friday.

Some Evening Prayer/Evensong Services have been scheduled during the year. This provides people of the Parish with the opportunity to join in this worship which is not so regular these days. Times will be in the Pew sheet.

At the recent 'Mothering Sunday' service we also included a tribute to Isobel Matthews for the contribution she made to St Dunstan's.

The Hall continues to be used by the Violet Town Seedsavers, and the St Dunstan's Hall Film Society.

The Parish Op Shop: Open Mondays 10am-2pm, Thursdays 10am-2pm, Fridays 10am-2pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm. Donations continue to pour in and a small group, usually Leanne and Libby spend a busy session on Tuesdays, sorting them out. Most items are put into the shop or stored for other seasons, and anything excessive to our needs are sent off to other charity groups. The roster continues to be well-supported across the Parish with a couple of new members joining us as helpers. Even though the shop is now only open on four days, we still continue to make good money for the parish and for missions.



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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Councillors: Libby Woodhouse, Ethne Green, Greg Musgrove

[Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Vestry at St. Paul's].

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