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Musical afternoon: In October, Rev Patti had her sister, Guerry McConnell visit from Tennessee, USA. Guerry offered to hold a musical afternoon in St Paul's church with the money raised to go to the victims of the recent Caribbean hurricanes. Guerry told delightful stories relating to all the songs some of which were very familiar. Joining in was encouraged and most present eventually found their voices.



Garage Sale at Op Shop – 23 September



There were many, many goods for sale at the garage sale in September. The hall was set up in advance and was well advertised both in the paper and out the front of the hall. Locals made sure of getting in early to try and get a bargain. The day also proved profitable for the Op Shop especially as there were some

members of the community who visited the Op Shop for the first time. On the day almost \$800 was raised between the hall and the Op Shop. With stock building up again, another sale prior to December, is being considered.



Special Congregational Meeting (Euroa): This was held in August to discuss how we were going to find the money to replace the floor in St Paul's church (and repaint and recarpet as well). Ideas put forward by the 'Building Sub-Committee' were all seriously considered by those present and it was finally agreed that the parish would establish a tax-deductible Building Fund. Members of the sub-committee are pursuing how best to set this up with guidance from the Diocese of Wangaratta.

Congregational Meetings (prior to AGM):

Congregational meetings are open to all parishioners. These meetings are an opportunity to share positive ideas about our churches, now and into the future.

Violet Town – 22 October (Sunday) – to be rescheduled

Euroa – 5 November (Sunday)

Longwood – the date and time are still to be decided, but the meeting will be held in Euroa

Church Services for the Anglican Parish of Euroa:

St Paul's, Euroa: Eucharist at 9.30am every Sunday and Eucharist at 10am every Wednesday

[November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17]

St Andrew's, Longwood: Eucharist at 8am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.

[**Dates:** November 5, 19 and December 3, 17]

St Andrew's Day: 30 November – service TBA

St Dunstan's, Violet Town: Eucharist on 2nd (preceded by 'chat & chew') and 4th Sunday at 11.30am (unless otherwise advertised in the local paper)

[**Dates:** October; November 12, 26 and December 10]

Around Our Churches

St Andrew's, Longwood: Work is continuing on the grounds and buildings at Longwood with an upcoming wedding the motivation. Painting, a new fence, toilet renovations and plantings of various plants are giving the church a 'makeover'. Extra curtaining has been added within the church to keep some of the winter chills out.

The Longwood community centre is holding a display from the Australian War Memorial (in November) which may link up with the honor boards in the church. This is being investigated.



St Paul's, Euroa: Over the last couple of months the focus around the church has been on restoration/replacement of all floors (plus painting and recarpeting). A special congregational meeting was held where a firm decision was made to establish a tax-deductible building fund. The committee are working on this. The grounds look a picture with lots of spring flowers in bloom but we are still aiming to improve the surface of the driveways in and around all buildings. A couple of ideas are being investigated.

In addition, a garage sale was held in the hall and a musical afternoon was enjoyed by many in the church.

St Dunstan's, Violet Town by Drusilla Green

After all the work to have the church and grounds looking good, Dunstan's congregation have been enjoying the ambience of our lovely little church. This Spring the jonquils and daffodils in the Memorial Garden have been particularly colourful. Many thanks the gardeners.

We were the hosts for the Violet Town Ecumenical Service at the end of July. This is always a very 'chatty' affair. The time has been changed from evening to late morning followed by a light lunch, which seems to more suitable to all. The next Ecumenical Service is at St Attracta's Catholic church on the fifth Sunday in October. Evensong is going well with the congregation more confident about singing the 'Magnificat' and 'Nunc Dimitis'. Rev Patti and Fr Norman are very much in our prayers for better health.

On the fundraising front there was a cake stall in Violet Town on Friday, September 29 and the Violet Town market Tin Rattle in October which we share with the History group.



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Ladies' Fellowship Group:

The group continues to meet on a regular basis.

- July – morning tea at Granite Hills
- August – a planned speaker had to cancel, so the group had a pleasant chat around the open fire in the hall
- September – speaker – Val Edwards – Diocesan Social Justice Committee
- October – Julie, Margaret's sister spoke on her volunteer work with the 'Choir of Hard Knocks'

Parishioners from across the three centres are most welcome to attend these meetings/get-togethers. [Contacts for the group are: Margaret Brook (chairperson), Pam Breen (Assistant) and Nan Sullivan (Treasurer)]

LOOP

Live on one Planet 2017

An initiative of TEAR Australia

“If everyone lived like an Australian it would take more than three planets to sustain us”

This year's campaign is raising money for people impacted by climate change in the region of Chitrakoot, India. Visit www.liveononeplanet.com

Participants are challenged to live on one tap, one power point *or* one recipe for five days, from 30 October to 3 November. I have chosen the recipe – basically brown rice and vegies, three times a day, and am appealing for sponsorship in this arduous undertaking. (No toast and marmalade, no chocolate!)

To donate visit www.liveononeplanet.com or see me. No donation too small (or large). Thank you in anticipation.

Lyn Ingoldsby

The Parish Op Shop: Open Mondays 10am-2pm, Thursdays 10am-2pm, Fridays 10am-2pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm.

The shop continues to receive a huge range of donated goods, far in excess of our needs. A number of other charities have been sourced and the excess is now being relocated (rather than to land fill). Even though some of our long-term shop workers can no longer work for us, we have gained a couple from the community. They willingly giving their time in the shop which I am sure is a relief to Leanne when she has to prepare the roster. Of course, any new workers are welcomed with open arms – the more the merrier!



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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wardens: Phil Squires, Heather Bamford, Jim Brook; Drusilla Green

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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