

### Prayer for Pentecost:

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

*Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

# MARMINGATHA Stories to Inspire

WEEK ENDING 31 MAY 2020

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

*27 May – 3 June*

An online Reconciliation Week Service will be streamed from St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Sunday, 31 May, at 6pm via the Cathedral [YouTube Channel](#). Bishop Paul Barker, Assistant Bishop, will be the preacher. [Click here](#) to see more information about National Reconciliation Week.



## RECONCILIATION

*Lord God, bring us together  
as one, reconciled with  
you and reconciled with  
each other. You made us in your  
likeness, you gave us your Son, Jesus  
Christ. He has given us forgiveness  
from sin. Lord God, bring us  
together as one, different in culture,  
but given new life in Jesus Christ,  
together as your body, your Church,  
your people. Lord God, bring us  
together as one, reconciled, healed,  
forgiven, sharing you with others as  
you have called us to do. In Jesus  
Christ, let us be together as one.*

*Amen*



## BEYOND THE FRONTLINE

*Department of Pastoral Care,  
The Alfred Hospital*

The Reverend Chris Morris shares with us [this video](#) highlighting his role as Anglican Chaplain & Palliative Care

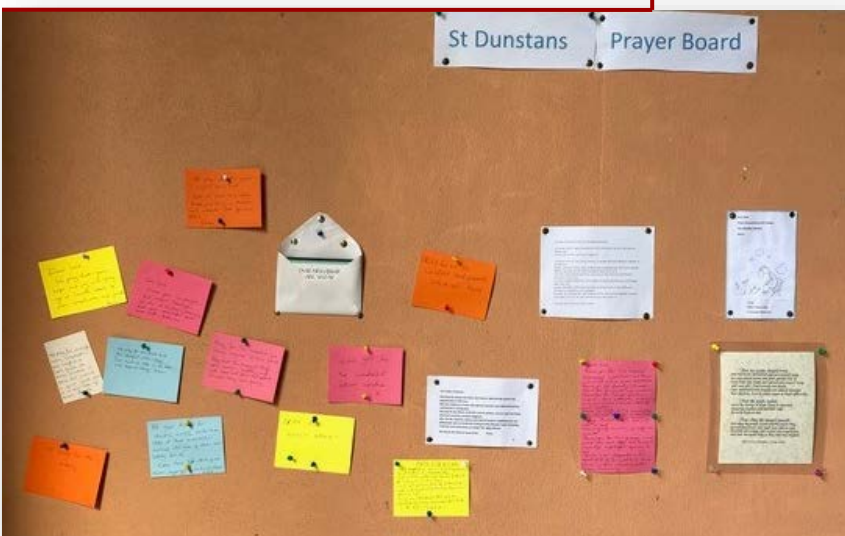
## PRAYER WALL

*St Dunstan's Camberwell*

The Reverend Roberta Hamilton shares with us the following: As one of the ways of keeping our parish connected we have established a Prayer Wall. It is an outdoor space, protected by our porch but accessible to the community. On it people

have, over the weeks pinned prayers requests and prayers for each other. It has been a way for our St Dunstan's people to stay in touch, and to share their concerns for our community.

It has also been used by people from the surrounding streets who are not regular members both to post prayers and to read them. This has been a low-tech way of staying in touch and has become the focus for many people's daily walks.



## EXPLORING FAITH MATTERS

*Formerly known as Education for Ministry*



Registrations are now invited to join an Efm group. Two new groups are about to commence for those interested in being part of an Efm group here in Melbourne or further afield via online. Details of the Efm program are outlined in the [Efm 2020 Information Leaflet](#). For more information and to register please contact Greg Davies – [efm@efmaustralia.org](mailto:efm@efmaustralia.org) or telephone 0417 992 976.

**Option one** | Face to face group | Thursday Evenings from 6pm to 8.15pm | St Peter's Eastern Hill  
Commencing Thursday June 11th 2020 | Registrations due June 4th 2020

**Option two** | On-line with a face to face meeting once every six weeks | Wednesday Evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm using Zoom or Face to face meetings | Saturday from 10am to 2pm | Venue & Dates TBC | Wednesday June 17th 2020 | Registrations due June 10th 2020



## THE DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARY APP

The diocesan Prayer Diary App provides a brief devotion and a prayer based on the lectionary readings for each day of the year, together with the TMA daily prayer diary.

As church has moved online, and the isolation of lockdown set in, the Prayer Diary has provided a much needed and well used spiritual resource across the diocese and beyond. Contributions are now needed for the period from August until the end of the year. Contributors are asked to take responsibility for one week of the year (seven days), and to provide, for each day in that week:

- A title indicating the theme or topic of the devotion
- A devotion of no more than 200 words
- A prayer in the form of a collect, which may be a prayer published in APBA or elsewhere.

The Prayer Diary is delivered via an App that may be downloaded (free of charge) from the Apple store and the Google Play store. The App can be downloaded for Apple users [here](#), and for Android users [here](#).

The editors for this project are [Bishop Brad Billings](#) and [Bishop Paul Barker](#). If you can assist by contributing a week to the Prayer Diary, please advise by reply email. You will then be allocated a week between August and December, and provided with instructions.

**WHAT DOES NATIONAL  
RECONCILIATION WEEK HAVE  
TO DO WITH PREVENTION?**

**preventing  
violence  
against  
women  
program**

Do you know what preventing violence against women has to do with achieving Reconciliation in Australia? Watch [this video](#) with Brooke Prentis, CEO of Common Grace and Robyn Boosey, Manager to the Diocese of Melbourne's Preventing Violence Against Women Program and find out more about what National Reconciliation Week 2020 is about, what this has to do with prevention, and what our part as Christians is in moving towards Reconciliation.

*Click here for this weeks' video  
message from the Archbishop*

*Please keep sending your stories to inspire...  
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