

Embracing Ministries

An initiative of the Anglican church of Canberra and Goulburn



Registration is now open for the upcoming Little Treasures Program. Please let us know if you want your children to attend the program. That way we can make sure you get a spot. Once you have done that please fill in our application forms including a medication form if required. You can find these on our website embracingministries.org on the resources page. Or please feel free to email us at info@embracingministries.org

14th April 2:00pm-3:00pm.
Meet and Greet

15th - 17th April 9am-2:30pm
Little Treasures
Christian Holiday Program

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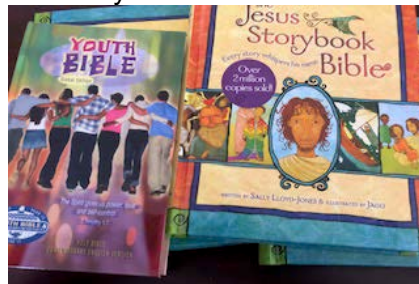
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CELEBRATING JOAN

Dorothy Joan Williams, always known as Joan, had a heart for the Word of God and the work of the church in the world. Joan, born in Melbourne in 1926, moved to Canberra to work in the Bureau of Statistics as a young woman. Her work included setting up a census in Papua New Guinea. A Uniting Church woman, Joan ended up worshipping at Holy Covenant Anglican Church in the last years of her life. To her friends she was witty, kind, generous and loyal. These traits resulted in long standing friendships, some lasting 50 years and more.



Joan loved cats, cryptic crosswords and her holidays down the South Coast. Her support for the mission of the church continued to the end. Before she died, early in 2019, Joan arranged a purchase of children's Bibles, youth Bibles and adult Bibles for those attending her funeral service and to be given to those who would care to have one. Her funeral was a joyful celebration of her life.

In the last few years of her life, Joan became interested in Andrea's work with Embracing Ministries and she asked Andrea to be sure to take some Bibles for the children and families with whom she worked.

Family Service

This month at the Family Services, we had a guest speaker, Karen Baron from Christian Education in Schools (CEIS).

Karen spoke about CEIS and its work to bring Christian education into public schools in the ACT.

ACT legislation allows for there to be Christian education inside of school if parents request it. Once the request has been made, CEIS works with the school and the ACT Education & Training Directorate to provide Christian Education once a term. This work is done with support and help of volunteers in our community.



Our next Family Service will be

7 April 2019
9am at St Barnabas
Anglican Church,
Charnwood and
11am at St. Michaels
Anglican Church, Hall

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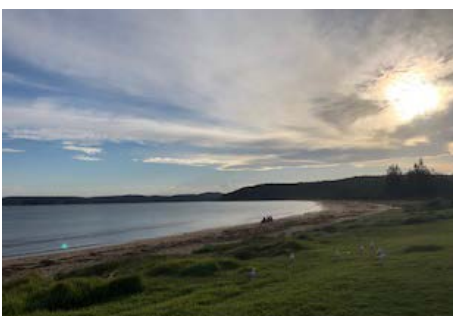
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RETREATS FOR 2019

Embracing Ministries runs several retreats throughout the year. These retreats have been created to help parents and carers of children with a disability. They are an opportunity to take (a much needed) break.

This year we have designed the retreats to help you foster relationships within your local area. All this means is that we have designated some retreats as Northside and some as Southside. These are just guide and please feel free to attend any of the retreats.



The Southside retreats are on the weekend of the **10th of May** and the **26th of July**.

The Northside retreat will be the weekend of the **18th of October**.

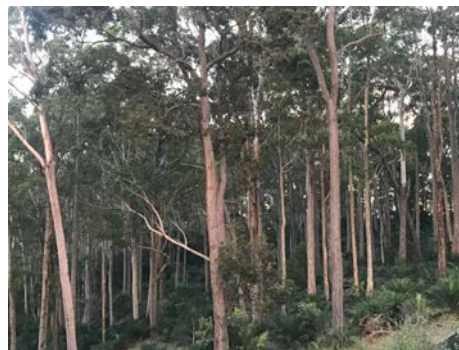
We are also running a Christian retreat at the Benedictine Abbey. This retreat is for people who would like to have a time of prayer, meditation and Bible study.

The retreats for the Abbey will be **21st-23rd of June** and **20th-22nd September**.

These retreats are open to all.

If you would like to book into a retreat, please contact the Embracing Ministries office at info@embracingministries.org

A payment of \$60 will secure your place.



The view from the pool at Longbeach

Housekeeping

Please let us know if you no longer want to receive the newsletter. We are happy to remove your address from our mailing list.

Impressions of the Retreats

I look forward to retreats. It's a time I can have a glass of wine and catch up with others who understand the stress and struggle I go through with having a special

needs child. I love my child but sometimes it is important to recharge and rest so we can be better for our kids.

I would recommend the retreats to others. I was anxious at first about going with others I don't know but it was fun and refreshing.

Retreat weekends have been lifesavers for me. Getting away from home and sharing space and time with other parents with children with disabilities helps us to share our difficulties and experiences, and if I need quiet time and don't want to talk I can escape to another living room.

If you want your own time you have beach walks which are meditative with the sound of the ocean. It's wonderful to discuss with other who understand the difficulties you are facing. People are so inclusive and not judgmental.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kylie Burne and Darren Polly on their Wedding on Saturday the 9th of March. The service was held at their home in a beautiful outdoor setting. Andrea was blessed to be part of this very special occasion for them both. Andrea has also felt blessed to be part of Kylie's journey through her work at Anglicare.



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