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Good Friday Station outside the National Library

Good Friday Walk

Barnabas Ministries and Holy Covenant Anglican Church, Jamieson, initiated a Stations of the Cross walk within Canberra's parliamentary triangle. It was a uniquely 'local' walk among our iconic landmarks and institutions which included readings, meditation, spoken reflections, and song.



"In silence among our national institutions, the liturgy becomes accessible, real, and in retrospect, an intensely memorable experience."

Our Stations, or 'places' of the Cross, included the National Gallery, High Court, National Portrait Gallery, National Library, Old Parliament House, and finally Parliament House.

Readings broadly followed those of the traditional Stations of the Cross, with the spoken reflections offering the group ways to identify some element of the landmark with an issue current in Australia and a prayerful response holding all in the context of the events of Good Friday.

40 participants represented an ecumenical gathering. The prayerful walk was given further poignancy with the shared carrying of the cross, and further sharing of the readings and reflections. At the final station we shared our hopes and prayers for Australia.



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NEWS FROM BARNABAS MINISTRIES

Canberra certainly comes alive in autumn with changing colours. I look out on beautiful trees from my office window. They offer a constant invitation to reflect on the creativity and diversity of God's work in the world. Ten months into my new position as Director, Barnabas Ministries is reflecting a colourful diversity in ministry opportunities. Here's a selection.

Retreats and Quiet Days



Darwin

In early March I travelled to Darwin to offer a prayer workshop to the Pilgrim Presbytery and then a four day Kaltara retreat for clergy and lay workers in the Presbytery. Both events were well attended and many people commented on how nourishing they found the input.

This was despite the fact that Darwin was on a cyclone watch! In the end the cyclone passed further south but we still experienced torrential rain. The locals took it all in their stride however it was a new experience for me to be hot and wet at the same time. They have suggested I come again not during the wet season, I suggested.



UTC, North Paramatta

Just before Easter I lead a quiet day for staff and students at the United Theological College. Thirty people gathered and I invited them to reflect on the three movements present in the Easter story: dying, waiting and the reception of new life and to discover resonances with their own.

The weather was perfect and so people wandered the grounds or found a sunny spot to reflect on the intersection of Jesus story and their own story. It was a day rich in meaning and new insights for those who attended.

Training



"Listen into Life"

The residential program has begun for 2012. We welcomed seven new participants, one coming from New Zealand. With a dedicated program team of 11 plus 32 participants we fill St Josephs Spirituality Centre at Kincumber to bursting. This year I am doing the main presentations for the February and August weekends on "The 3 'A's of Spiritual Direction" and "Dreams & Dream-work" respectively. Eileen Reeks with present on "Grief and Spiritual Direction" in November. We have our special overseas presenter in May, Lucy Abbott Tucker. Her topic is the "Process of Transformation".



Soul Companions

Choosing Life and Barnabas Ministries are offering a spiritual direction training course weekly in Canberra. We began in February with 10 participants and are forming a wonderful learning community as we pray, learn and share together. This semester's subjects are "Exploring Spirituality" and "Transformation for Mission".



St Mark's Theological College

This semester, I am also teaching "Christian Spirituality" at St Mark's, ably assisted by Rev. Susanna Pain. This time the subject was only offered online so together Susanna and I have negotiated the technology as we support the students in their learning.



Lucy Abbott Tucker

By the time you receive this newsletter Lucy and her husband Tom will have arrived and beginning the series of training events that Barnabas Ministries has organized. It promises to be a fruitful time for everyone involved.

My Response

Will you join with us in fostering spiritual formation and soul care for the journey of life and faith?

I believe Barnabas Ministries is providing an important ministry and would like to participate in the following way:

- I will pray for Barnabas Ministries
- I would like to support Barnabas Ministries monthly with a direct debit from my account

\$ _____ (amount)

- I am able to contribute to the ministry with the following special offering

- \$25 \$50 \$100
- \$200 \$500 \$.....

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