

90th Anniversary Celebrations 20th – 25th September 2024

Members of the congregation with friends past and present joined together for a celebratory dinner on Friday 20th September filling the Canberra Yacht Club.

The guest of honour, the Rev Dr Paul Logan, traced the history of settlement in Canberra and how St Andrew's was developed as a national church. Bruce Ferrington thanked him with a gift of several church publications and



dinner guests received a copy of the new "Living Stones" book prepared by Ann and Don Logan.



Lilting music on arrival was provided by Mrs Connie Steven on her harp. Later two church choir members Christine and Michael Dunn sang "How can I keep from singing" and then Christine led the singing of "Skye Boat Song" with everyone joining. Nathan Chau's accompaniment was also enjoyed.

So many attending told us they had enjoyed a wonderful night of friends, music, good food and thankfulness to God for these people in their lives

Back to St Andrew's the next day - Saturday 21st saw many catching up over morning tea provided by the PWA and viewing photographs of previous church events taken by Ken Crawford which were shown on the new screen in the hall.

In the Walker Room many enjoyed viewing historical objects not normally seen including a wonderful painting by architect John Barr and the two chalices used at ANZAC Day services in the Warriors' Chapel and the golden key used by Governor-General Sir Isaac Isaacs to open the church in 1934. The Girls' Brigade and PWA presented colourful stalls the Hamilton Room.



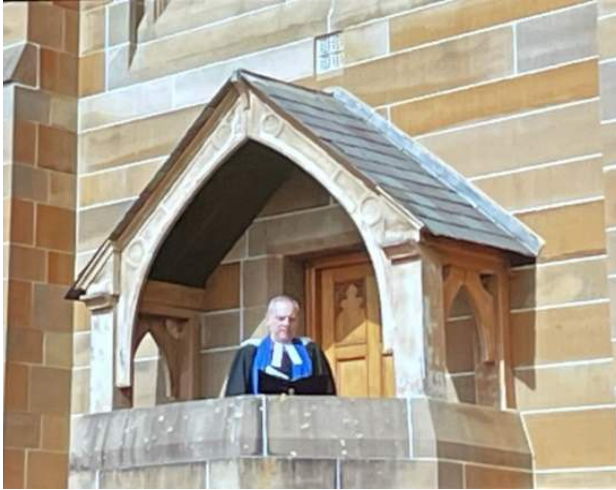
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After morning tea Scottish pipers led about 70 people around the church to participate in a special Heritage Tour as presented on most Wednesday mornings.



The tour guides on this occasion comprised Toni Mawer, Pam Anderson, Rev Arnold Bartholomew with Beth Cathcart presenting aspects of our amazing organ. David Bull and Ann Logan chatted with the crowds in the "Living Stones" exhibition in St Andrew's House partly funded eight years ago by an ACT Heritage grant.

The highlight of the celebrations were the morning and Church@5 services on Sunday the 22nd which happily was the exact anniversary date. Services at Belconnen and Weston Creek were cancelled to enable their members to join St Andrew's. People were serenaded by pipers as they gathered for the morning service to give thanks to God for the Church of St Andrew's as the centre of worship, witness and work in the Canberra community for 90 years.



The service commenced with the David Campbell in the Outdoor Pulpit. The procession then proceeded singing *All people that earth do dwell*. After the National Anthem and an acknowledgement country the service continued. Officiating clergy as well as Rev David were Rev Joy Bartholomew, Dr Campbell Egan, Rev Remy Fanggidae and Nathan Chau.



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Rev David's sermon was "Living Stones" the same title as his first sermon at St Andrew's in 2014. Doug Lennie and Sue Hogan respectively read 1 Kings 8 v 12-30 and 1 Peter 2 v 4-9.



Carolyn Campbell engaged the children and young people and asking older members present by age group to indicate their longevity.

Nathan Chau and Bruce Ferrington performed a musical voluntary. Rev Remy dedicated the offering; Rev Joy led the prayers and thanksgiving and Rev Dr Campbell Egan gave the dismissal and

blessing. At the conclusion of the service the recessional hymn was *The Church's One Foundation*.

The congregation proceeded to the gardens where the six current gardeners, Rev Arnold Bartholomew, Ray Heins, Mrs Beth Cathcart, Stewart Borrie, David Borrie and Keith Borck planted a commemorative Kurrajong tree "In memory of gardeners who have gone before. The children also assisted with their tiny trowels.



The celebrations moved to the hall for the cutting of a magnificent three-tiered ceremonial cake made by Mrs Bonnie Mungoven and cut jointly by Mrs Joan Berry, Mrs Lorinda Buchanan and Veronica Buchanan. Sunday's events were recorded on the new audio-visual system



Thanks also to the following for all their service: Mrs Beth Cathcart and the choir, the stewards, Edith Hackworthy and Tim Kuschel for sound recording and Christopher Lindesay and the pipers for their rousing and spirited playing. Photography by Josh Dunn and Don Logan.



The 5pm anniversary service on the 22nd led by Nathan Chau and the midweek service on the 25th led by Rev David also celebrated the anniversary.

The 90th Anniversary Committee: Rev David Campbell, Sue Hogan (Chair), Carolyn Forster OAM, Edith Hackworthy, Jeanette Harper, Terry Hogan, Ann Logan, Don Logan, Kath McQuarrie AM, Lindsay Mackerras and David Bull (Secretary).

David Bull and Ann Logan



