

# Beyond 2020 Vision

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## Welcome to “Beyond 2020 Vision” February 2022

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In this first edition for 2022 we have several articles from ministry teams, clubs and groups sharing their advice, activities and “crystal balling” for 2022, along with information about the Lenten Studies being offered by the Worship & Faith Education Team.

We remember Aileen Brogan, and share suggested ways to help those going through difficult times.

We share some firsthand news from Tonga and a Lenten Reflection from Anglican Board of Mission.

The cut-off date for our next edition will be **4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Either drop a copy in to Nicole at the Office or call or email Colin on 0427 122 106 or [snout-n-bout@bigpond.com.au](mailto:snout-n-bout@bigpond.com.au)

Go well.

## Repairing the breach – being a people of healing in a broken world.

Lenten Reflection – Anglican Board of Mission

The mission of God is to repair the breach. The people of God are participants in that work.



A young child watches a group of children playing, too scared of rejection to join in. One of the children leaves the group and approaches the scared child, taking their hand and

asking if they'd like to play. The breach is repaired.

A poor community watches in despair as the wealthy nations chase further wealth. A visitor comes, not with answers, but with questions. Dialogue ensues. Every member of the community is consulted. Plans are made. Action is taken together. The breach is lessened. Love, hope and justice begin their work.

All breaches need to be recognised. They need to be understood. It is only in understanding and experiencing the breach that we can begin to see the way it can be repaired.

It can be all too easy to see a problem and know how you would fix it. But all problems are complex, and your ‘fix’ or my ‘fix’ might exacerbate the issue, rather than repair. Meeting in the middle of the breach, sitting in the breach in order to understand the perspectives and fears and hopes of those who are most effected by the breach, and then acting together to repair what has been understood ... that is the work of relational mission.



This can happen in our own relationships and in our churches. It can happen between the rich and the poor. The powerless and the powerful. The forgotten and the forgetters. It must happen if God's vision of a reconciled and just world is to be realised.

Good theology is missional. Good prayer is missional. Good questions are missional.

Invite the Spirit to flow through you and create something new, something that will be a missional gift to the church in these confusing days.

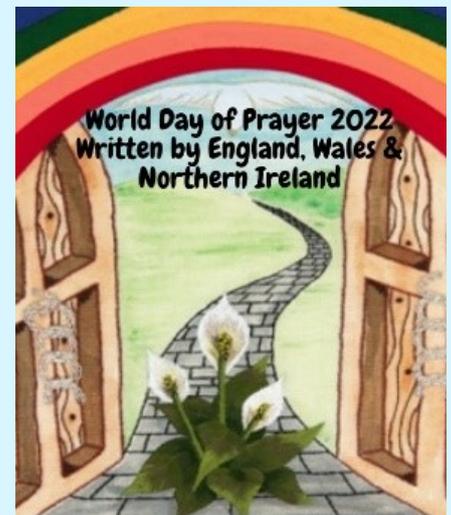
## World Day of Prayer 2022

Services are held in over 170 countries globally and in over 120 centres across South Australia. Our local service this year is at **Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 21 Edward Street, Magill SA 5072, at 10am on Friday 4th March.**

The host countries are England, Wales and Northern Ireland and they have prepared a service using the theme *I know the plans I have for you*. They encourage us to see God in every situation. Often God appears to us in ways that we could never have imagined and not at all as we expected!

Through participation in the service, we come to "know" people from other countries, their cultures and traditions. We can hear their concerns and needs. We can pray for them and share their joys, hopes and sorrows.

After the service, please stay and share a cuppa in the hall with visitors from other churches in our area.



## Lenten Studies 2022

The Worship & Faith Education Team are sponsoring two Lenten studies, prepared by the Anglican Alliance and the Anglican Board of Mission, that cover current issues we need to understand and work through.

One is called *Faith in a time of Coronavirus* and is a series of bible studies about how churches and individuals can make a

difference in these challenging and difficult times. The other is called *Climate for Change* which is a series of studies about rediscovering our links with creation and using that to change behaviour and bring hope.

You can read more about the studies here and details about how to sign up will appear later in the Newsletter.

## Climate for Change: A series of studies about the climate crisis.



Adapted from the Anglican Board of Mission website -

Author Russell Rollason

Promoted as a Lenten Study for 2022 at Morialta UC by Worship & Faith Education Team

A call to care.

A call to action.

A pathway to change

**Climate for Change** challenges us to take our love and responsibility for the world seriously. We need not only to 'care' but also to 'act'. The author walks with us through a series of studies that help us realise not only that we can act – but that we must.

These studies provide reasons to change and pathways that will allow us to turn our good intentions into concrete, world-saving action.

Climate for Change urges people of **faith and hope** to become activists for a sustainable future. Our children and grandchildren will inherit the fruit of our decisions.

**Bishop Philip Huggins** (President, NCCA) says: "As it happens, I read these important ABM studies on climate change the day after a new grandchild was born. Like those reading this, as a matter of faith and love, I want to ensure everything I do brings well-being to her and all God's children. Please read together and apply the insights of these brilliant studies."



### About the Study

The study aims to give us **hope for the future**. It begins with "A study guide" followed by an introduction and the author's credentials. There are 5 studies in the series as listed below.

**Study 1** The Coronavirus pandemic: a 'dress rehearsal' for climate change

**Study 2** Action on climate change is critical and urgent

**Study 3** Rediscovering our links with God's creation

**Study 4** Climate change: changing behaviour

**Study 5** Grounds for **hope**

**ANNEX 1** There is **hope**; the pace of change is surprising!

**ANNEX 2** An introduction to the evidence for climate change

### STUDY 1: KEY POINTS

- COVID-19 pandemic has provided a window on future climate threats.
- The poor and marginalised in society have suffered most.
- We must learn the lessons from the pandemic.
- COVID-19 has also created an opportunity for 'a great reset'.
- A renewable path to the future as billions of dollars are invested in economic recovery.

### STUDY 2: KEY POINTS

- Action to avert a climate catastrophe is urgent.
- We need to halve Australia's emissions in the next ten years, beginning now.
- The cost of the change must be shared, not just left to those whose jobs disappear.

### STUDY 3: KEY POINTS

- Christian faith calls us to love one another and to be stewards of the earth.
- We are assured God will provide for us if we are faithful.
- What can we learn from First Peoples' link to land and creation?
- We must rediscover our mission to create a just, peaceful and sustainable future for all.
- How can we be "**hope tellers**"?

### STUDY 4: KEY POINTS

- Recognising the challenge to change behaviour.
- How can the Christian community provide a safe place for the lonely, the anxious and the fearful?
- Climate grief and intergenerational responsibility.
- Youth have little voice in shaping their future.

### STUDY 5: KEY POINTS

- Pointing to the signs of hope and the gathering momentum.
- Building community understanding and commitment to face the changes ahead; reassuring the anxious and unsure.
- Sharing the burden of change and revealing the better world ahead.
- Making sure we leave no one behind.

The studies are based on science and factual evidence and use videos, cartoons, diagrams to aid understanding and discussion. The authors stress the need to listen and reflect and pray for understanding and how to take action.

And finally in the words of 4th Century North African theologian and pioneer of Christianity, Augustine of Hippo: **Hope has two beautiful daughters, their names are anger and courage. Anger that things are the way they are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are.**

You can access the study at <file:///C:/Users/snout/Documents/UCA%20W&FEd/Climate%20For%20Change,%20Russell%20Rollason.pdf>

## Faith in a time of Coronavirus – A series of bible studies

Adapted from the Anglican Alliance website

Promoted as a Lenten Study for 2022 at Morialta UC by  
Worship & Faith Education Team

### A call to mission

This series of Bible studies has been developed by the Anglican Alliance in consultation with a small group of biblical scholars, theologians and church leaders as a resource to help Christians reflect on their faith and scriptures in this troubling time of COVID-19. The Bible studies seek to create space for us to bring our hopes and fears before God and build resilience and trust. They allow us to lament all that brings sorrow and suffering and to reflect on how we can support those most impacted by this crisis. Above all, the Bible studies seek to help us to find hope, in reflecting on God's presence and love, and how God shares our sorrow and suffering and brings assurance of new life.

All across the world, churches are shutting their buildings as public health measures are implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19. But even if the building is closed, the Church is still there, present in the people, the living body of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time when God calls us into an ever-deeper participation in God's mission.

### How churches are making a difference

Churches across the world have been responding to the impact of COVID-19. Churches are maintaining common worship even when we can't gather. We are upholding a shared life of prayer. We are sustaining connections to encourage those living in isolation or lockdown. And we are continuing to serve the most vulnerable and marginalised in the communities while following public health guidelines. We have also learnt together from the wisdom and resilience of those who have faced epidemics and other crises in the past. In the midst of the troubling headlines there is still good news of gospel hope to be heard.

### Knowing the Facts

The Anglican Alliance has put together a resource hub on its website which includes the following topics.

#### The "knowing the facts" section covers:

- Key facts from the World Health Organization: How the virus spreads and how to prevent it.
- Countering misinformation
- Guidance for churches: on following official guidance; maintaining shared worship when not able to gather.
- Preventing the spread of COVID-19 in crowded settlements
- What is COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?
- What is a virus?

#### The "how the Church can respond" section covers:

- Spiritual and theological resources: prayers, bible studies, reflections
- Supporting community preparedness
- Supporting people living in lockdown: including caring for children, home schooling, coping with stress and family pressures, tackling domestic violence

- Church and community engagement
- Sustaining hope and care for the most vulnerable
- Building a more connected, resilient and compassionate society for the future
- Examples of resources from around the Communion
- Other resource hubs on faith-based responses to COVID-19



### The Bible studies

Each study suggests the same format:

- Opening prayer.
- Read the passage – either one person or taking a verse each.
- Read the introduction.
- Read the passage again. If you wish you can read in different versions.
- Discuss the questions and reflect together, drawing out the key points.
- Close in prayer.

There are 5 studies in the series.

**Bible Study 1:** Do not be afraid

**Bible Study 2:** Calming the storm

**Bible Study 3:** Building hope

**Bible Study 4:** Hope rooted in God

**Bible Study 5:** Your kingdom come

### A Prayer for the time of COVID-19 from the Mothers' Union

Loving Lord, we pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and for all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable not to succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us. Amen

You can find the complete article and the study material at:

<https://files.anglicanalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>



**Aileen Brogan  
(1931-2022)**

*A poem by her daughter,  
Christine Brogan*

This woman who we know as Mum, she has a heart of gold  
We can't believe she's 80, she doesn't act that old.  
She really doesn't show her age, she gets around so fast  
She's living in the here and now, with stories of the past  
She gets up really early to shuffle around the court  
And plays golf at least once a week,  
she can't give up her sport.  
She loves her bridge and fellowship  
and with the friendship force,  
the world has been her oyster,  
she'll embrace with no remorse

This woman was a daughter but not for very long,  
She lost her loving parents when she was very young.  
She shares with us her memories, it brings her face to life  
Especially of the man she loved, who took her as his wife.

This woman was a lover and David was her man  
And what they did behind closed doors  
was how she got her clan.  
She cared for him until he passed, she loved him till the end.  
They had a perfect marriage; she was his lover and his friend.

This woman had five sisters but two have passed away.  
She loved them all as babies she loves them still today.  
But as the older sister her intentions were misread,  
When all she ever wanted was to help them get ahead.

This woman was a mother, a very special bond.  
She gave us lots of love and hope,  
our memories are quite fond.

This woman known as Nanna Broges, affectionately named  
by Greg and all his offspring, of which cannot be tamed.

They taught her how to lighten up,  
they taught her how to swear.  
They brought her life great joy and worth,  
without she couldn't bear.

To some she just is "Nanna", who comes from far away,  
Who packs her bag and boards a plane  
for weeks she plans to stay.  
She makes them get up early,  
she makes them clean their room,  
She wonders why they gesture; will you be leaving soon?  
But when she's gone and calls them up  
you'll often hear them say,  
"We really miss you Nanna, will you come back to stay?"

This woman is an Auntie, a gentle, giving soul.  
To be there in their time of need has always been her goal.  
She gives and gives until it hurts  
and then she gives some more.  
This woman is our mother, whom we love and all adore.  
Her time is given tirelessly to her family and her friends,  
Expecting nothing in return, from us to make amends.

Today we join together to share this day with you.  
To celebrate your presence and everything you do.  
Your life has been worth living, your life has been a dream.  
This woman is a wonder. This woman is Aileen.

And then, life changed on the turn of a penny.  
DEMENTIA  
My eyes do see, my ears do hear,  
I am still me, so let's be clear.  
My memory may fade, my walk may slow,  
I am still "ME", don't let "ME" go.  
So we tightened our grip.

Mum made it to her Nineties  
but that's where my poem stopped  
I realized her last few years were simply just, not that poetic.

**From Morialta to a Syrian refugee camp**

Beverley Tredrea has spent the last year knitting jumpers and other items for children in refugee camps. The photos show clothing being sorted in Magill (two items of clothing for each child, plus toys.) Items are then sent to the Australian Syrian Association, Victoria, in Melbourne.

A number of women from the Uniting Church here in Adelaide have been busy knitting for AKWAK (Aussie Knitters for War Affected Kids). If you are interested in being part of this group, please speak to Beverley and she will pass on your name to the convenor of the Adelaide group.



Huge containers from there arrived in Syria prior to winter, and a video showing the distribution of clothing to the children has been sent to interested people.



## 10 ways to care for someone (When nothing will fix it)

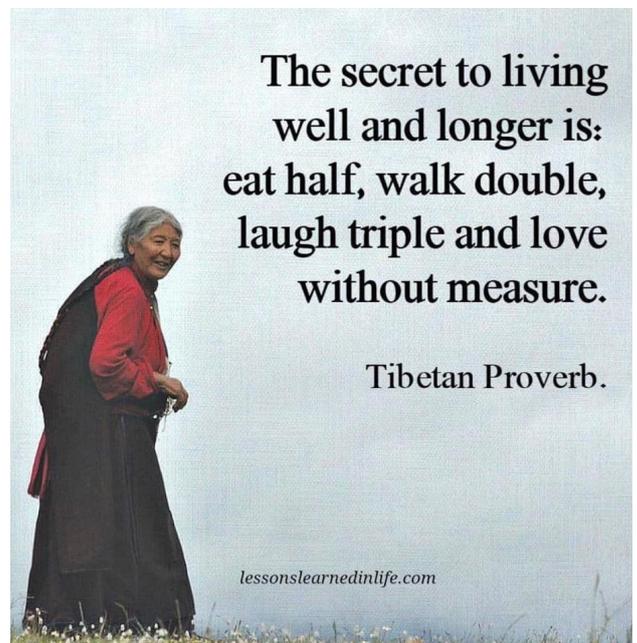
Adapted from a blog post by Rev. Erin Wathen on the Patheos website—recommended by the Pastoral Care Team

You just can't imagine what they must be going through. You don't know what you could possibly do to help. You have no idea what to say. Thing is... No one does. There is no magic formula of care and concern, words and deeds that will make this terrible thing better for this person you love. The death of a spouse, the cancer diagnosis, the divorce, the job loss, the debilitating accident, the incarcerated daughter... You can't fix it.

There is no one right thing to say or do; but there are always meaningful things you can say or do. Here are just a few ways that I have experienced community caring for those in need, even when there are no easy answers.

- **Phone.** "I don't know what to say" is no reason to drop out of someone's life when stuff gets hard. "I'm thinking of you" or "I just wanted to check in with you" will suffice as an opener. The person may or may not want to engage further, but you can let them guide that and then just roll with your gut from there. If phoning does not feel appropriate, you can always just...
- **Send a card.** Or a text. Or a Facebook message. You be yourself, but a word of comfort or solidarity is always appropriate and appreciated. This way, the person can respond to you (or not) at their leisure, especially if they are being swamped with cards.
- **Take Food.** The classic church lady comfort casserole is always an option (and my personal favourite meal in the world). But nowadays, you have so many other options. Pick up a prepared meal from the supermarket. Or send a gift card to a favourite restaurant or take-away place. No matter what kind of mess and drama may be happening, people still have to eat. Alleviating the hassle of shopping and cooking and cleaning up of even one meal is more than a nice gesture—food is a love language. Also, maybe think smaller. A meal might not be practical in some situations, but homemade bread or a fruit basket might be just the thing.
- **Provide a service.** Think outside the box here. You could mow the lawn, or pick up groceries. I know a mother whose neighbour picked up her kids from school every day while she was going through chemo.
- **Share reading material.** Maybe it's something that you found helpful/uplifting when you were going through a similar hard time. Or maybe it is a completely brainless escape read that a person could enjoy while sitting in a hospital waiting room (or some other purgatory).
- **Empathise.** But don't share horror stories. It's a fine line, especially if you have lived through a similar ordeal. But it can be done gracefully, as long as you are mindful of that nuance.
- **See the whole person.** This one is maybe one of my greatest learnings in ministry. When people are going through something terrible—I mean, really, really terrible—believe it or not, their first inclination is to *not go to church*. In my experience people in crisis tend to stay home mainly because everywhere they go, people want to talk about their awful situation—and nothing else. But remember that they are still a whole person. A conversation about cricket or beer or some neighbourhood gossip might actually be a blessed invitation to some normalcy. And speaking of normalcy...
- **Invite them to stuff.** One of my church people is counselling a group of her daughter's friends... They need some guidance in supporting one their tribe who just lost a parent. One of my suggestions was... *keep including her*. For the birthday parties, the sleepovers, the pizza nights, etc. She can say no if she doesn't feel like being around people, but always put it out there and keep her in the circle. Same goes for grown-ups; keep extending the offer of dinner, a quick coffee, or a night out. Be understanding if they say no, but give them the opportunity. Never assume people "won't feel like" spending time with you.
- **Give a gift.** Who doesn't love presents? In a particularly difficult time, a care package or small gift can go a long way. You might also consider a gift in memory or honour of someone, to a cause that would strike a meaningful chord.
- **Just show up.** When in doubt, just be there. Sit at the kitchen table or at the hospital; show up for the moving day; be there for the court date, or the last day of treatment. Any way you do it, this is the ministry of presence. Sometimes it's all we've got. But it's usually enough.

Take care of each other out there, people. Wishing you all days full of health and happiness, being God's people together. Peace.



## Fellowship News

From Margaret Clogg

Fellowship is looking forward to another interesting year with a variety of speakers and outings planned.

We will start the year with a Picnic in the Park (weather permitting).

We have a physiotherapist coming to talk about “tips and tricks” for over 65s.

A retired registered nurse will tell us about her nursing life with the Australian Inland Mission at Oodnadatta in the 1970s and then with the RFDS.

We will tour Campbelltown looking at the public art and exercise our brain power with a quiz morning.

We hope all goes as planned in these uncertain times.

## Netball Club News

From Jude Johnson

Netball in 2022 started in January with the last five games of the summer season.



Morialta has 28 teams this summer, which is the biggest that the club has ever been. We are so lucky that we have not been dramatically impacted by Covid, with the exception of spectator restrictions. This has meant that not all family members have been able to enjoy games each week. We hope that this will change again soon.

We are currently preparing for the winter season where we will have teams playing at the Morialta courts and in town each Saturday afternoon.



A major goal for 2022 is the individual development of each player, umpire and coach and the continued enjoyment of playing team sport.

## Property Team 2022 crystal ball

Chris Ayles - For the Property Team

Just when you think there is nothing left to break down, fall apart, or suffer some sort of damage, it happens.

While there are several regular maintenance activities the Property Team organises such as fire equipment checks, electrical item tests and insect treatment, they don't prevent everything from going wrong. Who would have anticipated that power supply would be disrupted to the kitchen by rain getting into the exhaust fan, shorting it out and burning isolator switches, as happened late last year? So when the editor of this prestigious journal asks me to share with you what activities the Property Team has planned for 2022 I am inclined to say “your guess is as good as mine”. Quite honestly, a lot of our work is responding to unpredictable events and that is what I expect will occupy us again this year.



Real Star Streaming – Cynthia

## When I am so afraid!

By Cynthia Story

A prayer needed to be imagined, dreamt up today – tonight – for these dark hours where the candle flickers, and could easily go out!

I looked up into the ink-black-blue night sky... somewhere... beyond what I could really see – I knew there was a steady star stream alive with the most beautiful stars of my making, from my heart. Coloured with pale blue, gold, a massive jumble of glorious hues—pinks, yellow, silver—wrapped in a mist to visit the earth and those in need—a flash of brilliant whiteness.

That will still the fear, the trembling of hands, and quiet the churning wheels of everything inside of us. Ready to quake in fear, and therefore lose our grasp of the power of the white light... Lose the power given to us—everything we need to face the fear and then—we suddenly see the gate leading to the unknown. In stifling fear, we are in peril of losing our grasp of the light, our frozen hands and fingers threaten to loose the golden strand of chord we see reaching down from one of the stars—the end closest to me is lovingly wrapped tight as iron around our own hand. For we are not bound, but held with love.

This is the contact—the intangible touch we feel right through us from our forehead to our feet, which are of the earth...

This is the prayer unseen... but has the power to be felt through all senses. THIS is what I need today, right now.

Speaking of unpredictable events, one occurred in the last couple of weeks which highlights an important request I have for all of you. While doing some gardening in the courtyard, one the Monday Boys stepped on a random piece of glass that penetrated the sole of his boot then his foot, requiring medical attention including stiches. Fortunately, another of the team was working nearby and was able to provide quick help.

This serves to highlight an important issue: If you are generously inclined to do some odd job around our buildings or grounds, **please be aware of the dangers of working alone** and, if possible, arrange to have someone else on the property at the same time or at least someone who knows where you are and how long you expect to be there.

## Waiting for News from Tonga

From “The Cargills”

Until 15<sup>th</sup> January few people had heard of Hunga Ha’apai Hunga Tonga, an island that did not exist when we were living in Tonga in the 1980’s. One meaning for ‘Hunga’ in Tongan is ‘eruption’ which is very apt. The island - named after the two islands it is nestled between – was born in December 2014 after a submarine volcano erupted, sending a stream of steam, ash and rock into the air. When the ash finally settled, it interacted with the seawater and solidified. In January 2015 the new island appeared. Amazingly by 2018 it was already home to pink flowering plants and sooty terns.

As we still have many friends in Tonga, it was a worrying few days after the eruption. It was even more concerning after we started to see satellite images which made us realise that the homes of friends we thought were too far inland to be affected by water, had been inundated and damaged.

Margaret was able to gain news from a Tongan friend in NZ, and our son Tom was able to receive news via the Cobb family with updates of life on Tongatapu. Don Cobb, with wife Mini, was our principal and their daughters Daphne and Ardell were friends with Tom and Helen, along with the Kava boys next door, and the children from the local village.

Daphne Cobb now lives in the US but her dad and Ardell and her family still live in Tonga. Three days after the eruption, Daphne was able to send Tom first hand reports from sister Ardell via innovative use of technology.

Within 48 hours of the explosion, local network Digicel had set up an international satellite link to enable calls. After trying unsuccessfully to get through to Ardell, Daphne contacted a friend Samoa who managed to make contact with Ardell. The friend then messengered Daphne and held her phone near the computer so that Daphne was able to chat with Ardell in Tonga.

All of the extended Cobb family were safe, but a thick layer of ash covered absolutely everything. Drinking water was in short supply and they were trying to get the ash off the roof before it rained as that is the main source of drinking water. The western side of Tongatapu island was hardest hit with some of the ‘resorts’ (where we “volunteers” held our twice-yearly retreats) were completely wiped out. Ardell was also able to speak to ‘Big Mama’ on Pangaimotu – a small island 10-minutes by boat from Nuku’alofa and great place to spend a Sunday afternoon when having a weekend buying supplies in the capital. The entire population of 20 or so people survived by climbing fao trees until the water receded. However not much in terms of structure on Pangaimotu survived.



Pangaimotu Island in earlier times

Ha’apai, a chain of islands running north-south, and no more than a few metres above sea level, is north east of the volcano. News out of Ha’apai was very slow and it was not hard to imagine a tsunami from the south west just washing over the islands, taking everything in its path. We have many fond memories of staying with families there when on student trips, and I always said if I went missing you would find me on one of the golden sandy beaches on the western side. Sadly, those beaches will have copped the full force of the tsunami.



Ha’apai Islands – “Golden Sand”

‘Eua (our island) is more fortunate as the hills rise up from behind the beaches. But even so the wharf and 47 houses were destroyed along the western shore. ‘Euan are also fortunate that many have spring water from the hills. Still the ash has created big problems.



‘Ohonua ‘Eua with a fao tree

Our sincere thanks to everyone who checked in with us – we did appreciate your calls and messages as we waited to gain news of friends.

‘Ofa atu

Margaret and Colin

To donate via the **Uniting World** appeal:

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/tonga?fbclid=IwAR2ErHvhzDErcHsk2MFBK0q6sGTVFdmQNXZapvHObT1rezlQHTKlspiLKNU>

or **Act for Peace**: [https://www.actforpeace.org.au/tonga?s=EM22-JAN-TON-ADW&gclid=CjoKCCQiAip-PBhDVARIsAPP2xc2t3ruct95xhx4cg2\\_rsjzfwBxV-hbmuCgwF3mj54nSCVUHUnHo5ZAaAubxEALw\\_wcB](https://www.actforpeace.org.au/tonga?s=EM22-JAN-TON-ADW&gclid=CjoKCCQiAip-PBhDVARIsAPP2xc2t3ruct95xhx4cg2_rsjzfwBxV-hbmuCgwF3mj54nSCVUHUnHo5ZAaAubxEALw_wcB)

Alternatively, a friend who has worked on the ground in both Tonga and Vanuatu, recommends donating via **Caritas** as they have the best local infrastructure. <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

## Dr Jane Goodall DBE

Founder, The Jane Goodall Institute,  
Ethologist & UN Messenger of Peace



From David Purling

In the summer of 1960, 26-year-old Jane Goodall arrived on the shore of Lake Tanganyika in East Africa to study the area's wild chimpanzee population. Although at the time it was unheard of for a woman to venture into the African wilderness, Jane persisted as the trip meant the fulfillment of her childhood dream. Jane's work in Tanzania would prove to be more successful than anyone could have possibly imagined.

Goodall was raised in a Christian Congregationalist family. As a young woman, she took night classes in Theosophy. Her family were occasional churchgoers, but Goodall began attending more regularly as a teenager when the church appointed a new minister, Trevor Davies. "He was highly intelligent and his sermons were powerful and thought-provoking. When asked if she believes in God, Goodall said in September 2010: "I don't have any idea of who or what God is. But I do believe in some great spiritual power. I feel it particularly when I'm out in nature. It's just something that's bigger and stronger than what I am or what anybody is. I feel it. And it's enough for me." When asked in the same year if she still considers herself a Christian, Goodall told the *Guardian* "I suppose so; I was raised as a Christian."

In her foreword to the 2017 book *The Intelligence of the Cosmos* by Ervin Laszlo, a philosopher of science who advocates quantum consciousness theory, Goodall wrote: "We must accept that there is an Intelligence driving the process [of evolution], that the universe and life on earth are inspired and in-formed by an unknown and unknowable Creator, a Supreme Being, a Great Spiritual Power."

**Dr Goodall will be appearing at WOMADELAIDE 2022 via video in "The Planet Talks" at 1.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Climate Crisis and the Arts

Let's party with the planet—Adelaide Festival of Arts

The organisers have created a FREE one-day event that brings together the arts and sciences to explore new ways forward. 'The Day' lets you deep-dive into:

- creative responses to the climate crisis;
- divestment and breaking up with fossil fuels;
- partying with the planet rather than against it;
- carbon neutrality and net-zero;
- what we can do as individuals and why it matters.

Join many other wonderful, smart and creative minds for an inspiring day filled with ideas about what we can do.

**Friday 11 March – Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden FREE**

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## Special Days to celebrate and act

### February

8<sup>th</sup> is International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. The theme for this year is *Victims~voices lead the way*. It highlights the importance of sharing and learning from survivors of human trafficking. The survivors are important factors in the battle against human trafficking.

13<sup>th</sup> is the Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, particularly to the Stolen Generations whose lives were impacted by past government policies of forced child removal and Indigenous assimilation.



### March

1<sup>st</sup> is Zero Discrimination Day when we are invited to join with others in raising awareness about the inequalities that prevent people from living a full and productive life and demanding that governments fulfil their commitments and obligations to end all forms of discrimination.

8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day. The world comes together for International Women's Day (IWD) to celebrate women's achievements and reinforce a commitment to women's equality.



### i4give week 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" Ephesians 4:32

"There is freedom in forgiveness - if we have offered forgiveness, including to ourselves, we know the truth of this. Such freedom helps us be wholly present in the moment, each new day dawning. It helps us see people afresh, uncluttered by matters that might otherwise infect a next encounter."

i4give Day was created by Daniel & Leila Abdallah as a remembrance of their son Antony (13) and daughters Angelina (12) and Sienna (8) and cousin Veronique Sakr (12) who were tragically killed. They were among seven children riding their bikes on a footpath in Oatlands, northwest Sydney, when they were hit by a vehicle just before 8pm. The Abdallahs and Aakrs hope the Day helps others, but it is also a National Day of Forgiveness when we can all look for someone we can forgive or ask for forgiveness.

When launching i4give day, the NSW Mental Health Minister mentioned how complex issues around forgiveness can be at times, especially in some deep-seated issues. People are encouraged to reflect on events and relationships in their own lives and look to the example set by the Abdallah and Sakr families.

In Danny & Leila Abdallah's words: *Forgiveness is the greatest gift you can give yourself and others. The more you practice the better you become at it and it allows you to live peacefully and to heal. Forgiveness is more for the forgiver than the forgiven.*

You are encouraged to search your heart and find someone you can forgive. Set them free and feel the freedom of forgiveness.