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**Sunday 1st March
LENT 2**

**10 am Combined Eucharist
With Baptism & Confirmation**

**Sunday 8th March
LENT 3**

**8am Said Eucharist
9am Contemporary Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 15th March
LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday)**

**8am Said Eucharist
9am Contemporary Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 22nd March
LENT 5**

**8am Said Eucharist
9am Contemporary Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

Sunday 29th March

10am Combined Eucharist

Meditation Thursday 8 – 8.45am.

Mid-week Eucharist Wednesday 10am.

The Vicar's Letter

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us.



Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or a new opportunity to "return to God with our whole heart" and learn to be God's people once again.

As you journey through this annual 'second chance' decide how you will use this time well. Be reassured as we know how the story ends, and that we have an enduring hope within us because Jesus has conquered death and brought forgiveness to us.

We are forever Easter people who live in the light of the resurrection, and we can mark Lent because of his sacrifice for us. The rhythm of the spiritual and liturgical year is a helpful tool to remind us that there is a cost and a purpose to our faith, which isn't about self-benefit and self-fulfillment, but rather, it's about generosity, servant-heartedness, and a simple, humbler faith.

As Christians, we have a message of hope for a better future and Lent gives us the perfect opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to share the good news.

With every blessing

Fr Stephen

All Saints' Honour Board: Tom Hawkes WW2

**By
Stephen Yewdall**

The All-Saints' WW1 honour board lists many interesting names but of particular interest, TB Hawkes has quite a story behind it. Thomas Bailey Hawkes was born in Geelong on 10 July 1898 to Tom Southam Hawkes and Lelia Maud Hawkes, née Bailey. They lived at the property, Llanberis 30 Western Beach (cnr Ginn Street), Geelong. The family operated a highly successful iron monger/ hardware / builders supply business initially located in Mercer Street Geelong, established in 1854. On 6 April 1914, the Geelong Advertiser reported that the successful business hosted a Diamond (60 years) Anniversary Picnic at Barwon Heads where its 88 employees from its business locations in Geelong, Melbourne, Beaufort and Launceston were invited. The business had earlier relocated to new premises at 1 Clare Street (cnr Corio Street) Geelong. Young Tom with his younger brother John (Jack Hawkes) both attended Geelong College (as did their father) for their schooling and they also attended All Saints Anglican Church.

Tom Bailey Hawkes enlisted for WW1 on 1 March 1918 at the age of 19 years with the written permission of his parents. He listed his occupation as a student, as he had only recently left school. After initial training in Broadmeadows, Tom embarked on the military transport ship, Barambah on 31 August 1918. During the journey, 23 fellow soldiers died of influenza (possibly the Spanish Flu). Though still ill from influenza himself, Tom arrived in Tilbury England on 11 November 1918, the date of the Armistice and was allocated to the 14th Battalion. With the Armistice in place, Tom remained in England and never really saw a shot fired in anger! He was employed in the Records Office at AIF headquarters in London for the next 11 months.

Tom returned to Australia on October 1919, being finally discharged again on the 2nd Armistice Day 11 November 1919. He received the British War Medal for his service. To acknowledge the WW1 service of its employees, Hawkes Bros commissioned its own Honour Board which lists the names of 19 staff members, 6 of whom were killed in action (see photo below). The Board now resides at the Geelong Heritage Centre. Interestingly, TB Hawkes is not listed.

Meanwhile, Tom's younger brother Jack Bailey Hawkes a promising school cricketer at Geelong College, in 1921 took up tennis as a career, subsequently playing in all the grand slams around the world and representing Australia in the Davis Cup in many countries over a number of years. Jack Hawkes won the Australian Open in 1926 as well as winning the doubles and mixed doubles at the same tournament. He retired from tennis in 1932.



Whilst having a break from following many Davis Cup tournaments, their father, Tom senior was in Yokohama Japan in September 1923 when he was tragically killed in an earthquake. Also killed was his long-term friend Russell Keayes who was Jack's earlier tennis coach, now a wool buyer and also a fellow former Geelong College student. They were staying in the Oriental Palace Hotel, Yokohama when the earthquake struck. Lelia Hawkes was a survivor of the earthquake. Following the tragic death of his father, Tom Bailey Hawkes at the age of 25, took over the management of the business of Hawkes Brothers.



Tom had married on 6 July 1922 to Leslie Jean Vincent, daughter of pastoralist Robert Vincent of 'Prospect House', Western Beach Geelong, at St George's Presbyterian Church, La Trobe Terrace Geelong.

They then moved into their family home at 195 Noble Street, cnr Shannon Avenue Newtown. Hawkes Bros P/L, now located at the corner of Corio Street and Clare Street Geelong (now Nireeda Apartments) continued to prosper and in 1928 they engaged architects Laird & Buchanan to design extensions including a 3rd story to the building.

Come, WW2, Tom enlisted in the army once again, at the age of 42, on 26 June 1940. This time he listed his occupation as a merchant / Managing Director. After military training in Geelong and Werribee, and being promoted to Sergeant, Tom departed Melbourne on 29 December 1940 for service in the Middle East, in Tobruk. He was a Gunner in the 3rd Anti-Aircraft Regiment. A little over 3 months later on 7 April 1941 whilst on a night patrol, Tom became separated from his unit and was subsequently surrounded by a German armoured unit and surrendered. This led to 4 years being a Prisoner of War of the Nazis, initially interned in PoW camps in Italy and later in Austria. Tom remained a PoW till 29 May 1945, 3 weeks after VE Day on 8 May 1945.

Tom was returned to London for recovery and subsequently returned to Australia on 24 July finally, being discharged from the AIF on 28 August 1945. Back in Geelong, Tom resumed his role as Managing Director of Hawkes Bros P/L and in 1947 was also elected President of Geelong Racing Club. Later in 1947, Tom travelled with his wife, to America to study business operations as it applied to Hawkes Bros. Sadly, Tom took ill during the return journey to Australia and upon docking was admitted to hospital in Lewisham, Sydney where he sadly died on 12 April 1948.

Tom has a Memorial tomb at Eastern Cemetery (see photo below). Tom's younger brother, tennis champion Jack Hawkes then took over as Managing Director of Hawkes Brothers. The business survived till the 1970s and Jack Hawkes passed away on 31 March 1990 in Geelong.

His son, Tom Vincent Hawkes, born 27 May 1923, also a Geelong Collegian, served in WW2 in the RAN from 25 February 1942 on 4 ships, seeing action in the Philippines, prior to his discharge in 1946. He was also active with the business till its demise.

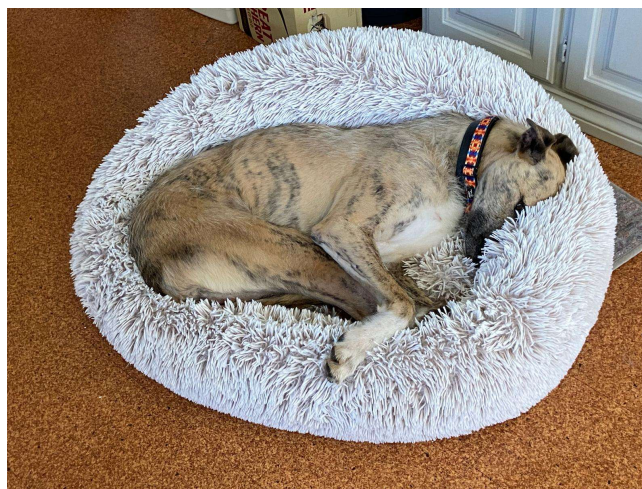
Tom Bailey Hawkes is also listed on the Geelong College WW1 Roll of Honour, the Ballarat Prisoners of War Memorial and is one of the 137 names listed on the All Saints' WW1 honour board and there is certainly quite a story behind those few gold letters that record his name.

Lest we Forget.

Refs:

*Wikipedia, The Geelong College Pegasus, Australia Virtual War Memorial, Geelong Heritage Centre, Trove- Geelong Advertiser/Argus. Hawkes Bros Honour Board (held at Geelong Heritage Centre)
Grave at Eastern Cemetery*

Pound Puppy!



He came into this world full of fun, love and play,
A puppy so precious, bringing joy to each day.
The only thing asked for was patience and love,
Although big in stature, he was gentle as a dove.

But nobody answered the call for a home,
Where love's guiding force, always sets the tone.
He fell into the hands of an owner so cruel,
In this world today, that's not unusual.

The body once lithe and supple and strong,
Now beaten, disfigured and scared, it's so wrong!
A toe that was broken and never shown care,
Sticks out like it's permanently caught in a snare.

A snip from his tongue, half an ear ripped away,
Testament to the pain, he's endured every day.
How do dogs' hearts stay so loyal, so true,
All the love that they give, I haven't a clue.

The brindle, attempts to hide all the scars,
Sprinkled over his body, like nights' many stars.
Each cut, every wound, never tended with care,
The skin's managed to heal, but no fur will grow there.



Even his walking is hindered by pain,
Each step that he takes, impacts a bad strain.
A knee tendon. engorged and inflamed due to harm,
The way that he walks, sets off an alarm.

Something so precious, oh how could it be,
Such heartache and pain, and the boy is just three.
Still willing to give of his heart and his soul,
Despite the price paid, with a heavy toll.

With a body so shattered, roaming streets as a stray,
No one beside him, to show him the way.
Not loved, not wanted, so it was that he found,
Himself all alone at the Ballarat Pound.



Don't get me wrong, he had roof, water and food,
No longer alone, over many he viewed.
For all in that place, 'humanities waste,'
The cruelty we inflict, has never been faced.

For who could resist, a puppy, a kitten,
It's easy to see how we all could be smitten.
But heaven forbid, they should grow to adults,
Wee, poo, shed or bark, gee they have many 'faults.'

So now they are piled in the shelters and pounds,
Through no fault of their own, most condemned hounds.
Not enough homes, and not enough love,
They never will live, the lives they dreamed of.

Old ones, young ones, every colour and breed,
Patience, compassion would help each to succeed.
But, thousands AUS wide euthanised every day,
As many new litters, to the world find their way.

Of this merry-go-round we should all be ashamed,
And at those that govern, our anger be aimed.
It would not be impossible to clean up this mess,
And every animal with love be blessed.

So with hope in our hearts, that the world soon will see,
That by caring for all, a better place this could be.
Each step we all take in the right direction
Will bring the world closer to utter perfection.

Max our sweet boy, you have left such a void,
So at times, of another dog we have toyed.
You'll forever be in our hearts and mind,
Some good from your death we have to find.

We can't change the world, it has been said,
But one life at a time we can give a new bed.
So to Ballarat Pound, 'Stephen thinks I'm crazy!'
We drove off to save, a dog named Daisy.

Miss Angel and Daisy, just could not agree,
Not a good match, we could easily see.
“I have one other, that may suit your home!”
I’m sure I heard Stephen give out a groan.



We were there, we could help, so let’s give it a go!
What life has in store, you just never know.
Bigger than Daisy, a brindled Staghound,
Into our lives, was about to bound.

The next thing we heard, made us oh so surprised,
‘Right then, I’ll go and get Max for you guys!’
We had to explain why we looked like stunned mullets,
What she’d said, you’d not read in fairytale turrets.

Then to learn, Max should not have been there that day,
His manhood due to be taken away.
A different dog had been sent in his place
And so we all ended up, in the same space.

So many scars, so many injuries, his history was clear,
Throughout his short life, he was never held dear.
A large dog too, who would give him a go?
If only two names, I bet you would know!

So now at the vicarage, not just tiny/small paws,
But a goofy big boy, padding across the floors.
He's learning his boundaries, and getting to know,
Just how life has changed, and the love that we show.



Trauma to the toe, not much can be done,
But his knee's having treatment so that he can run.
Stem cells injected, no run, jump or stairs,
For six weeks it's lockdown 'til the tendon repairs.

Without fail every day, he puts a smile on my face,
Hopefully understanding, this is home this place.
Gracefully accepted by Angel and Ella,
We're hoping they live in harmony forever.

So what do we call such a beautiful boy,
A boy that already had bought so much joy.
Arrow through our hearts, arrow marking on his head,
That has to be his name, no more to be said.



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

Introducing Ruby and Dougal

Here's Ruby, newly adopted by David and Maurine Mackay.



Here's Dougal, newly adopted by Sue Rhodes



CELEBRATING ASH WEDNESDAY



We had a lovely service on Ash Wednesday evening. Our wonderful choir sang a lovely piece. Here is All Saints' Choir with the sun streaming in just before the service started.

A businessman's lament



(from the days before word processors, spell-checkers, emails, etc.)

My typist has gone on hir holiday
My typist has gohn on a spree
My typish hap gone oh hyr haliduy
O gring bacq mu hypist to me.

Bling bac%, oK Sring back
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a service on Friday 6th March at Wesley Uniting Church,
100 Yarra Street, Geelong, starting at 11am.

This year the World Day of Prayer is focusing on Nigeria.

All welcome



More Than Just Clean Clothes

By Paul O'Connor

Orange Sky Laundry is a not-for-profit charity organisation based in Brisbane that supports people experiencing homelessness or hardship through access to free laundry services and, just as importantly, genuine, non-judgmental conversation.

While Orange Sky also offers free showers in many locations, the Geelong service focuses on laundry and connection. I have been a volunteer with Orange Sky for over four years, encouraged by a great friend who taught at North Geelong High School with my wife back in the mid-1980s.

What began as an invitation to help has become a deeply meaningful way of serving our local community. Orange Sky's Geelong service supports people across the region who are doing it tough. We always operate in partnership with other service providers such as food vans, churches and community centres. This collaborative model recognises that by working together, we can make the greatest impact.

Our early shifts were at Christ Church on Monday evenings, where evening meals were provided along with donated clothing. We continued serving there until COVID and this shift has not resumed.

Over time, we met many regular “friends” — some living out of their cars, some sleeping rough, and others living in public housing. We also ran a regular Thursday morning shift at the Salvation Army in Norlane, where meals and donated food were available.

More recently, we have been serving at One Care, a ministry of One Hope Baptist Church. One Care provides an amazing range of fresh fruit and vegetables, groceries they have purchased, and donated food. At every location, we have built strong rapport with our regular friends, sharing conversation and connection while they wait for their washing.

Orange Sky chairs are set up so people can sit, relax and chat in a welcoming, safe space. The Orange Sky vehicle itself is quite remarkable. It is solar powered and runs two large washing machines and two



large dryers simultaneously, allowing us to wash up to six loads per shift when everything is working well. Washing liquid is automatically fed into the machines, and we have a support line available if we encounter technical issues. Some friends prefer to take their washing home to hang out to dry, which we are always happy to accommodate.

Currently, we run a service at The Outpost — Geelong’s oldest food service for people experiencing homelessness. The Outpost provides hot meals every night, now operating from the corner of Little Ryrie and Star Streets in the city. We also have services in Whittington Bellarine Learning and Living and Salvos on the move Werribee.

At every shift, our aim is to create a safe, supportive environment. Anyone in need is welcome — whether they come for clean clothes or simply for a conversation. Orange Sky is about dignity, community and showing up consistently with kindness. It has been a privilege to be part of this work and to see the difference that simple acts of service and genuine connection can make.

NIGEL WILSON OAM

We were all delighted to hear that our very own Nigel has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal. Nigel has given years of service to All Saints' Anglican Parish of Newtown and Geelong West, All Saints' Newtown Tennis Club, Tennis Geelong, Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia - Geelong sub-branch and has been awarded various service medals including the Australian Active Service Medal.

Congratulations Nigel on receiving this well deserved honour.



The Kammermusik Collective

The Kammermusik Collective will be in concert again at All Saints Newtown. Their concert, entitled 'Mainly French' will take place on Saturday 21st March at 5pm.

Warm clothing appeal

Anne Hill is organizing a blanket and worn clothing appeal at South Geelong Farmer's Market again this year. All donations welcome. Collection can be arranged by calling Anne on 0484644758

The Wedding of Archie Lawrence and Anna Maria Balauca December 2025

