

Anglican
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The President's Address

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot
Administrator of the Diocese of Perth

Third Session
of the Forty-Ninth Synod
of the
Diocese of Perth

7 October 2017

Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidjar boodjar.

We acknowledge Noongar people as the original custodians of this land.

Welcome to this Third Session of the Forty-Ninth Synod of the Diocese of Perth.

I think I can promise you a lively and important Synod.

We come to this 2017 Diocesan Synod in a very different situation from the one in which we gathered last October. Our future path as a people is more assured as we await the installation of a new Archbishop in 2018. On the other hand, we have wrestled with some griefs, difficulties, provocations and controversies since last Synod and some serious conversations, questionings and negotiations will need to continue at this Synod meeting and beyond. We can do all of these things with grace and insight if we do them in Christ, who strengthens us.

Legal Fees

Uppermost in many people's minds is the situation concerning the legal fees for Archbishop Roger's participation in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. I know that there has been considerable anger in some quarters in relation to this. I was part of the decision-making process to bring the issue to Clergy School in June 2017, so that we could begin to address the matter as a Diocesan community. From there, further discussion was pre-empted when the content of that meeting was leaked to the media – preventing the lay people of the Diocese from knowing and discussing the issue in a more informed and gathered way.

In the reports to this Synod and in the answers to questions, you will see an acknowledgement of the failures that happened in relation to planning for legal fees and the solutions that have been developed to recompense the Diocesan Council for the expense incurred.

Answers to specific questions relating to this issue, will be circulated in hard copy.

Retirement of Archbishop Roger Herft

From anger and consternation on the one hand, to grief on the other – I acknowledge the great sadness experienced by many across the Diocese who wanted to farewell Archbishop Roger Herft in a personal and public way. We did continue to keep the possibility of this course of action open, however Archbishop Roger was insistent that he did not want to increase the suffering of people affected by child sexual abuse and their families, nor did he want the people of this Diocese to be impacted by negative commentary or responses directed at any event marking his ministry among us.

The best way we can honour Archbishop Roger's ministry in Perth is to continue what he brought with him to this Diocese, an increased focus and attention on protocols, safeguards and procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable people and a concern for those who have suffered grievous harm from within the Church.

Professional Standards Matter

Many of you will be aware of a particular Professional Standards matter now in process that has brought with it some upheaval and a high degree of discussion. While I acknowledge the painful character of this for those most closely involved, the confidentiality of the process is designed to provide procedural fairness for the parties involved. I will not give further details of the nature or progress of any professional standards matters at this Synod, or until these matters have been brought to completion.

General Synod 2017

At this Synod, we will hear a presentation from Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald about the responsibilities of churches following the Royal Commission. This was presented to the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia which was held in Maroochydore, Queensland, in September.

Eighteen members representing this Synod plus a number of invited guests and observers from this Diocese participated in General Synod which is usually held at three yearly intervals. Among many important pieces of legislation, there was a significant set of Canons relating to the protection of children, redress and episcopal standards.

These will be brought before our Synod for adoption. The first of these, the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 appears on the Business Paper. One of the ways we can show that we are serious about making the Church a safer place, is to support the adoption of a national standard of child protection across the National Church. For this reason, I urge you to vote for the adoption of the Canon.

Election of a new Archbishop

The Archbishop Election Committee, which Synod appointed in 2015, did its work with honesty and resolve between January and August 2017. The election of Bishop Kay Goldsworthy as the Eighth Archbishop of Perth is a 'good news' item that I am delighted to be able to bring to this Synod. In doing so, I offer my profound thanks to the members of the Archbishop Election Committee for their prayerful, considered and concentrated work together.

Many of us are enthusiastically looking forward to Bishop Kay's leadership of this Diocese into the next phase of its history.

Same Sex Marriage

In life and in ministry, I have valued the leadership, service and friendship of faithful Christians who also identify as members of the LGBTI community. One of my concerns in the current debate about civil marriage is that there will be hurt and harm to these sisters and brothers in Christ. I encourage you to complete the postal vote according to your conscience, mindful that it is a civil ceremony and institution that is being considered. The official position of The Anglican Church of Australia, that Holy Matrimony is a life-long partnership between one woman and one man has not changed. The Canons of the Church reflect this. Our clergy are only authorised to conduct marriage according to the rites of The Anglican Church of Australia and under the Marriage Act 1961, cannot be compelled to perform any marriage against their own will and conscience. I expect that consideration of the question of two people of the same sex marrying in Church, will outlast the Synod membership of many here today.

Welcome

Synod is always about people, who moved what, who joined when, which year we first met, who remembers who when they were just starting out. This year, I warmly welcome members of Synod who are first-time attendees, I ask those people to stand so we can acknowledge them here.

Moves into the Diocese are always significant and we welcome the following people into our midst:

The Reverend Gareth Hughes	Precentor, St George's Cathedral
The Reverend Gift Makwasha	Rector, Joondalup
The Reverend Kim Thomas	Priest-in-Charge, Mundaring
Mr Dean Dell'Oro	Headmaster, Hale School
Dr Robert Myles	Murdoch University
Mr Keith Stephens	Diocesan Secretary

Landmarks on the road*

One of the joys of being in Episcopal ministry is being able to celebrate landmark events with agencies and parishes of the Diocese. Some important celebrations and anniversaries are acknowledged:

St Christopher's, City Beach	50th anniversary
St Andrew's, Esperance	120th anniversary
Parish of Dalkeith	60th anniversary laying of foundation stone
Parish of Leederville	100th anniversary
Parish of Quinns-Butler	20th anniversary
Parish of Maddington	30th anniversary
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School	10th anniversary
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School	Opening of Keith Lindbeck Centre (gymnasium)
Swan Valley Anglican Community School	Opening and Dedication Senior School Classroom and Outdoor Courts

GFS World Council

A significant event in July this year was the 22nd GFS World Council in Perth which brought together 220 delegates from 22 countries. This was good news for the Diocese and for GFS. There is a renewed spirit of cordiality and co-operation between GFS and Diocesan leadership and for this we give thanks.

Farewells

The Church of God is global and universal – I acknowledge these people who have gone to pursue their vocations and ministries in parts of the Church and the world beyond the Diocese of Perth:

Retirements

The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard	The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain
The Reverend Anita George	The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones
The Most Reverend Roger Herft AM	The Reverend Beatrice Pate
The Reverend Canon Tim Spencer	

Resignations

The Reverend Patrick Duckworth	The Reverend Dougall Ethell
The Reverend Ryan Green	The Reverend John Meagher
The Reverend Sue Meagher	The Reverend John Smith
The Reverend William Thomas	The Reverend Dr Jim Trotter

Lay Resignations

Mrs Rensché Diggeden	Principal, St George's Anglican Grammar School
Mr Matthew Hughes JP	Principal, John Septimus Roe ACS
Mr Stuart Meade	Headmaster, Hale School
Mr Andrew Reynolds	Director of Finance
Mr Jeff Vance	Executive Officer, Anglican Community Fund

As always, at Synod, we will move a farewell motion giving thanks for the ministry of clergy who have retired during the year and that will be an order of the day for 5.00pm this afternoon.

In Memoriam

Some farewells are of a more sombre nature. In the past 12 months, the following people have gone ahead of us into the Resurrection. We commit them to God's love and we keep silence for them:

Mr Darryl Way
The Right Reverend Ged Muston
The Reverend Canon Les Goode
The Reverend Ray Neve
The Reverend Geoffrey Hayles
Mr Alan Blanckensee AO (former Chancellor and Trustee)
The Reverend Adrian Moore
Mrs Judy Moyes (widow of the late Mr Peter Moyes)
Mr John Cruickshank (former Trustee)
Mrs Margaret Bunday OAM
Mrs Molly Walters (daughter of Bishop Riley)
The Reverend Roy Bradley (founder CPE program at Royal Perth Hospital)
The Reverend Peter Salmon-Lomas
Mrs Verity Ginger (daughter of The Reverend Canon Terry Curtis)
Abraham Guot Garang Guot (son of The Reverend Moses Guot)

Thanksgiving

Theologically, I believe that when good things happen, they are God's gift to us. For this reason, I do not dismiss thanksgivings as platitudes. There is so much offered already in the mission and ministries of the agencies and parishes of the Diocese of Perth, there is more that we can and will do in a different season. On Sundays and other days across the Diocese, Bishop Jeremy and I encounter people whose lives have been transformed in Christ and many seeking baptism and confirmation in the Church of God. Everywhere, even in the smallest parish gatherings, there is a genuine and often liturgically moving worship of God.

In our most difficult moments, we can lose sight of the genuine warmth evident in clergy gatherings, and in the ongoing connections between members of the Body of Christ, that we

too often take for granted. We are a people who ultimately belong to each other in a unique way and that reality is always just waiting for us to rediscover and embrace.

Anglican agencies and schools power on with professionalism, innovation and best practice. They are, in many instances, the public face of the Church to the wider society and we can be grateful for the vitalism with which they carry this out.

I especially note the generous support of the community of Peter Moyes Anglican Community School, the Chair of the School Council, Mr John Filippone, and the Principal, Mr Julian Dowse for the hospitality and welcome that has been extended to Synod these last three years.

Wollaston Theological College, directed by the Chair, The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Raymont, and the Warden, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach, continues to flourish. By the time of this Synod, some long-standing staff vacancies will have been filled. The College boasts a rising student population, as well as providing some excellent training events throughout the Diocese.

This has been a very unusual chapter of Diocesan history. I have been very personally grateful for the advice, wisdom and travelling companionship of Bishop Jeremy James, Archdeacons Braden Short and Lionel Snell, as well as Archdeacon Assisting Kathy Barrett-Lennard and Archdeacons Onesimo Yugusuk and Mandy Herriman in their specialist areas of ministry. I have very much valued the contributions of Mr Brian Dixon and Mr Keith Stephens as Diocesan Secretary, The Perth Diocesan Trustees and the Chair of Trustees, Mr Sam Walsh AO, and the focused and considered counsel of Mr Eric Ross-Adjie, Acting Chancellor. The Diocesan Council has lived through some memorable meetings and has managed to do this with grace, aplomb and relationships intact.

There is very much to thank God for.

I make this final address to Synod with gratitude for the opportunity to be involved in the intricate workings of the Diocese, but with a strong sense of relief that the time as Administrator will end in just over four months.

Thank you for everything you have given that has aided the mission and purpose of the Diocese in the last year. In all things, I am conscious that we are buoyed up and encouraged by our prayers for each other. The faithful prayers of many have sustained us through challenging times and have made all the difference to the work we have been able to accomplish together.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4:1

May God Bless you and the Lord be with you.

The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot
Administrator

** The full list of appointments, moves and other significant events is attached as Appendix 1*

APPENDIX 1

APPOINTMENTS AND MOVES 1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Reverend Cheryl Absalom	Chaplain, John Septimus Roe ACS	01.01.17
The Reverend Rob Day	Priest-in-Charge, Esperance and Chaplain Esperance ACS	01.02.17
The Reverend Lynne Eastoe	Priest-in-Charge, Murdoch-Winthrop	01.07.17
The Reverend Ros Fairless	Chaplain, Royal Perth Hospital	01.07.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Robert Graue	Priest-in-Charge, Lakelands	15.01.17
The Reverend Rose Guok	Deacon, Toodyay-Goomalling and Moora	20.12.16
	Curate-in-Charge, Northam and Moora	01.07.17 - 30.06.18
The Reverend Brett Guthrie	Curate-in-Charge, Merredin	03.12.16
The Reverend Lindsay Hore	Chaplain, Amana Living	13.02.17
The Reverend Gareth Hughes	Precentor, St George's Cathedral	15.11.16
The Reverend Patrick King	Rector, Fremantle	07.08.17
The Reverend Debbie May	Priest-in-Charge, Hilton and Spearwood	01.02.17
The Reverend Gift Makwasha	Priest-in-Charge, Joondalup	16.03.17
The Reverend Barry Moss	Chaplain, Guildford Grammar School	17.09.17
The Reverend Tony Murray-Feist	Chaplain, All Saints' College	20.01.17 - 31.12.18
The Reverend Elizabeth Pemberton	Assistant Chaplain, John Septimus Roe ACS	22.05.17
The Reverend Ron Ross	Priest-in-Charge, Lesmurdie	01.05.17
The Reverend Jean-Pierre Schroeder	Assistant Chaplain, Peter Moyes ACS	24.04.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Kay Wee Sim	Assistant Priest, Victoria Park	26.02.17
The Reverend Deborah Spencer	Priest-in-Charge, North Perth	01.08.17
The Reverend Kim Thomas	Rector, Mundaring	09.10.16
The Reverend Timon Yanga	Assistant Priest, Balga-Mirrabooka	01.05.17 - 30.04.18
The Reverend Mark Yates	Assistant Chaplain (Deacon), St James' Anglican School	01.07.17 - 31.12.17
	Deacon, Parish of Yanchep	01.07.17 - 31.12.17

OTHER CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard	Archdeacon Assisting	16.08.17 - 15.11.17
The Reverend Stephen Conway	Area Dean, Perth Deanery	03.03.17 - 30.04.19
The Reverend Jeni Goring	Council of Churches of WA delegate and Executive	01.01.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Linda Flewker-Barker	Archbishop's Examining Chaplains	01.01.17
The Reverend Peggy Ludlow	Area Dean, Avon Deanery	03.03.17 - 30.04.19
The Reverend Timothy Russell	Archbishop's Examining Chaplains	14.02.17
The Reverend Des Smit	Chaplain, GFS-An Anglican Ministry	16.12.16 - 15.12.19
The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith	Area Dean, Goldfields Deanery	03.03.17 - 30.04.19
The Venerable Lionel Snell	Council of Churches of WA delegate and Executive	01.01.17 - 31.12.17
	Acting Registrar	08.08.17 - 07.11.17
The Reverend Pamela Turner	Archbishop's Examining Chaplains	10.05.17
The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot	Administrator	10.10.16

ORDINATIONS

The Reverend Brett Guthrie	Priest	03.12.16
The Reverend Matthew Madul	Priest	03.12.16
The Reverend John Maddocks	Priest	03.12.16
The Reverend Sebastiana Pienaar	Priest	03.12.16
The Reverend Kay Wee Sim	Priest	03.12.16

LOCUM TENENS

The Reverend Canon Dale Appleby	Bassendean	02.10.16 - 31.10.17
The Reverend Ron Attley	Fremantle	01.04.17 - 06.08.17
The Reverend Julie Barrett-Lennard	Spearwood	28.11.16 - 31.12.16
The Reverend Noel Chin	Willagee-Kardinya	01.02.17 - 28.02.18
The Reverend Jim Crawley	Midland	01.03.17 - 31.05.17
	Wanneroo	03.07.17 - 01.10.17
The Reverend Pat Deeny	Perth College	23.02.17
The Reverend Christine Duke	Mt Hawthorn	01.02.17 - 30.06.17
The Reverend Lynne Eastoe	Murdoch-Winthrop	05.02.17 - 30.06.17
The Reverend John Foran	Kelmscott	24.11.16 - 01.02.17
The Reverend Dr Alan Forsyth	St Bartholomew's House	01.01.17 - 28.02.17

	Hale School	17.07.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Dr John Forsyth	Bicton-Attadale	15.03.17 - 14.05.17
The Reverend Devan Foster	Rockingham-Safety Bay	24.04.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Jill Gleeson	Gosnells	21.02.17 - 28.02.18
	Amana Living	06.06.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones	West Perth	03.08.17 - 06.09.17
The Reverends Peta and Gerry Kirby	Turquoise Coast-Dandaragan-Eneabba (long term supply)	
The Reverend Theresa Harvey	Mosman Park	01.05.17 - 31.05.17
The Reverend Bill Hawley	Hollywood Private Hospital	06.08.17 - 19.08.17
		03.09.17 - 24.09.17
	Kensington	21.08.17 - 02.09.17
		25.09.17 - 31.12.17
The Reverend Dr Georgina Hawley	Victoria Park	01.08.17 - 30.07.18
The Reverend Norma Metcalf	Wyalkatchem-Koorda with Dowerin	01.10.17 - 30.09.18
The Reverend Sidney Middlemost	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	04.06.17 - 26.08.17
The Reverend Bob Milne	Amana Living	07.12.16 - 28.02.18
	Hakea Prison	30.05.17 - 30.05.18
The Reverend Roger Morey	Shenton Park	01.03.17 - 28.02.18
The Right Reverend Dr Tony Nichols	Highgate	14.07.17 - 09.07.17
The Reverend Cassandra Nixon	North Perth	01.03.17 - 31.07.17
The Reverend Beatrice Pate	Balga-Mirrabooka	22.11.16 - 31.01.18
The Venerable Michael Pennington	Bicton-Attadale	21.05.17 - 25.06.17
The Reverend Terry Pickersgill	Warnbro	01.03.17 - 30.09.17
The Reverend David Prescott	Nedlands	01.02.17 - 31.01.18
The Reverend Jon Reinertsen	Como-Manning	13.02.17 - 28.02.18
The Reverend Dr David Seccombe	Highgate	10.07.17 - 31.01.18
The Reverend Dr John Shepherd	Beaconsfield	03.09.17 - 10.12.17
The Reverend Canon Tom Sutton	Precentor, St George's Cathedral	01.10.16 - 25.11.16
	South Perth	27.02.17 - 28.02.18
The Reverend Graeme Varvell	Melville	01.03.17 - 28.02.18

PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard		05.03.17
The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard		14.03.17
The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain		24.04.17
The Reverend Dougall Ethell		01.01.17
The Reverend Ros Fairless		01.02.17
The Reverend Anita George		14.06.17
The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones		01.05.17
The Reverend Rose Guok		01.11.16
The Reverend David Lord		19.08.17
The Reverend Kaye Mould		18.05.17
The Reverend Tony Murray-Feist		14.12.16

CLERGY RETIREMENTS

The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard		13.03.17
The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain		24.04.17
The Reverend Anita George		04.04.17
The Reverend Trevor Goodman-Jones		30.04.17
The Most Reverend Roger Herft AM		07.07.17
The Reverend Beatrice Pate		21.11.16
The Reverend Canon Tim Spencer		10.09.17
The Reverend Dr David Wood		14.01.17

STANDING ASIDE

The Most Reverend Roger Herft		10.10.16
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CLERGY RESIGNATIONS

The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard	Priest-in-Charge, Wongan Hills-Dalwallinu	05.03.17
The Reverend Rob Day	Priest-in-Charge, Willagee-Kardinya	31.01.17
The Reverend Patrick Duckworth	Chaplain, All Saints' College	31.12.16
The Reverend Dougall Ethell	Chaplain, Hale School	31.12.16
The Reverend Ros Fairless	Curate-in-Charge, Murdoch-Winthrop	16.01.17
The Reverend Ryan Green		
The Reverend Peter Humphris	Rector, Beaconsfield	
The Reverend Ross Jones	Rector, Midland	01.01.17

The Reverend David Lord	Chaplain, St George's Anglican Grammar School	18.08.17
The Reverend John Meagher	Rector, South Perth	22.07.17
The Reverend Sue Meagher	Associate Rector, South Perth	28.03.17
The Reverend Barry Moss	Chaplain, Perth College	24.03.17
The Venerable Braden Short	Rector, Riverton and Assistant Priest, Lynwood-Langford-Ferndale	02.12.16
The Reverend John Smith		05.10.16
The Reverend William Thomas	Associate Mission Priest, The Goldfields	16.06.17
The Reverend Dr Jim Trotter	Murdoch University	30.06.17

OTHER CLERGY RESIGNATIONS

The Reverend Dr Steven Daly	Area Dean, Perth Deanery	02.03.17
The Reverend Deborah Joyce	Archbishop's Examining Chaplains	20.10.16
The Reverend Clive McCallum	Diocesan EfM Co-ordinator	08.10.16
The Right Reverend Tom Wilmot	Chair, Anglican EcoCare Commission	01.10.16

LAY APPOINTMENTS

Mr Peregrin Campbell-Osgood	Project Officer, Anglican EcoCare and Social Responsibilities Commission	22.09.17
Mr Dean Dell'Oro	Headmaster, Hale School	24.04.17
Mrs Maggie Dunnill	Archbishop's Examining Chaplains	14.02.17
Ms Felicity House	Principal, Peter Carnley ACS	01.01.17
Mr Benjamin Lomas	Interim Principal, John Septimus Roe ACS	01.04.17 - 31.12.17
Mr Torsten Marsden	Chief Financial Officer	20.03.17
Dr Robert Myles	Lecturer in New Testament, Murdoch University	01.02.17
Mrs Susan Shaw	Acting Principal, St George's Anglican Grammar School	12.04.17
Mr Keith Stephens	Executive Officer and Diocesan Secretary	01.01.17
Dr Sue Taylor	Chair, Anglican EcoCare Commission	01.01.17 - 31.01.17
Mr Mark Thornber	Diocesan Projects Co-ordinator	09.08.17 - 08.11.17

LAY RESIGNATIONS

Mrs Rensché Diggeden	Principal, St George's Anglican Grammar School	12.04.17
Mr Matthew Hughes JP	Principal, John Septimus Roe ACS	01.04.17
Ms Emma Jarvis	Examining Chaplain	16.11.16
Mr Stuart Meade	Headmaster, Hale School	31.12.16
Mrs Radhika Rego (nee Roy)	Project Officer, Anglican EcoCare and Social Responsibilities Commission	13.09.17
Mr Andrew Reynolds	Director of Finance	11.01.17
Mr Nic Templeman	Examining Chaplains	31.12.16
Mr Jeff Vance	Executive Officer, Anglican Community Fund	16.12.16

CHURCHES/BUILDINGS/AGENCIES

Anniversaries

St Christopher's, City Beach	50th anniversary	02.07.17
St Andrew's, Esperance	120th anniversary	30.11.16
Parish of Dalkeith	60th anniversary laying of foundation stone	
Parish of Leederville	100th anniversary	26.02.17
Parish of Quinns-Butler	20th anniversary	26.03.17
Parish of Maddington	30th anniversary	24.05.17
Peter Carnley Anglican Community School	10th anniversary	15.02.17

Change of Name

Parish of Malaga	Formerly Sudanese Anglican Worshipping Community of Malaga	15.12.16
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Openings

Peter Carnley Anglican Community School	Opening of Keith Lindbeck Centre (gymnasium)	06.04.17
Swan Valley Anglican Community School	Opening and Dedication Senior School Classroom and Outdoor Courts	31.03.17

RIP

Mr Darryl Way		12.16
The Right Reverend Ged Muston		10.01.17
The Reverend Canon Les Goode		20.03.17
The Reverend Ray Neve		06.04.17
The Reverend Geoffrey Hayles		15.04.17
Mr Alan Blanckensee AO (former Chancellor and Trustee)		02.07.17
The Reverend Adrian Moore		07.07.17

Mrs Judy Moyes (widow of the late Mr Peter Moyes)	21.07.17
Mr John Cruickshank	07.17
Mrs Margaret Bunday OAM	
Mrs Molly Walters (daughter of Bishop Riley)	21.08.17
The Reverend Roy Bradley (founder CPE program at Royal Perth Hospital)	26.08.17
The Reverend Peter Salmon-Lomas	02.09.17
Mrs Verity Ginger (daughter of The Reverend Canon Terry Curtis)	
Abraham Guot Garang Guot (nine-year old son of The Reverend Moses Guot)	18.09.17