

ANGLICAN PARISH OF GISBORNE
AGED CARE MINISTRY REPORT 2021

Unfortunately, once again the implementation of the Parish's vital sacramental, worship and pastoral care ministry to the Benetas Macedon Ranges Health Oaks Aged Care Facility in Gisborne and the wider Parish has been significantly impacted upon by COVID 19 for much of the year. Further details may be available in the pastoral care, vicar's and bus ministry reports. Jim Lindsay has continued to exercise his vital bus ministry for much of the year which is greatly appreciated by our senior parishioners.

Keith and I were able to hold only 2 dementia friendly hymns and prayers services in Grevillea Unit at Benetas MRH Oaks this year. After much thought and prayer, having conducted these services since 2008 (then under the UCA's auspices) we have decided it is time to finish. We are thankful to God for the opportunity of serving in this ministry for so long and for the remarkable residents of faith, courage, integrity and humour it has been our privilege to get to know over the years. In addition to 'handing in our notice', I provided some hopefully constructive feedback to the Benetas MRH Volunteer Co-ordinator concerning the Leisure and Lifestyle Department's communication with volunteers.

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