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## Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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## Waratah Rose

St Brede's Church in Drummoyne, Sydney is an Anglican gothic church that has several beautiful lead light windows. One of them is 'the Waratah Rose Window' designed by Alfred Handel in 1932. It is composed of Australian flora, the Waratah, emblem of NSW, white flannel flowers, red and gold Christmas bells and golden wattle.

The inscription reads 'The heavens declare the glory of God the firmament shows his handiwork'.



An American artist Susan Makalinaw digitised the design (prepared for domestic embroidery machines). I was so impressed with her work breaking down the window into 29 individual designs which could be embroidered and joined to form the total piece as well as the need to keep busy during the pandemic period that I set myself the task to sew the pieces. The picture shows the completed work. This time has given us so many blessings in our beautiful country, especially noticed when we pay more attention to our surrounds on daily walks and thank God for 'His handiwork'.

Colleen Reed

Today's Gospel John 17:11-19



Dear God.

We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom of joy, inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging.

Let us search for these places: in the world, in ourselves and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them. May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom.

Amen.

Michael Leunig – A Common Prayer

A parishioner reported that she made Ted Kell's Magic Cake that appeared in KIT 21 May 2020. Found herself reaching for a second slice without realising it. Ted also made the cake and dropped some slices into the parish office. Yum

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

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