**Notes:**

**“Christians can make a difference”**

Bible quotes are from The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Prayer Book Quotes are from “A Prayer Book of Australia”, (APBA) Broughton Books, 1995.

**1. An apologist:**

The use of the term apologist relates back to the life of the early Church (120-220 AD), when certain people such as Justin Martyr, Tertullian and others, made a reasoned defence of the Christian faith especially among the educated classes.

**2. Christendom Model of Church:**

Basically this model of Church is where the Church and the State are in harmony and seek to support and uphold each other. One understanding of this model is that by living in the world, people will come to know and understand the Christian faith. The expectation is that people will come to faith by “osmosis”, in other words the faith will be absorbed. While in certainly countries, a particular Christian denomination has been the offical religion of the State, this model has led to a “luke warmness” of the faith. In my view, there has been no desire to go and make disciples because there was a feeling people would just come to faith on their own.

**3. The Lord’s Prayer - Some comment from the APBA p. 820:**

Line 9: ‘save us from the time of trial’

For many centuries, English-speaking worshippers have been accustomed to saying “lead us not into

temptation”. This is not an adequate translation of the original, nor is it a helpful expression to many. Our Lord warned his followers that a terrible time would come. There may be a direct reference to this time of trial in these words. For all Christians, there are periodic times of trial and thus, many would apply these words to such occasions.

This version of the phrase has been ecumenically agreed, and may prove more helpful than the previous wording.

**4. Fake News:**

Michael Radutzky of Sixty Minutes describes fake news as stories that are probably false, but have traction or popular appeal. Such news is usually spread through the popular media outlets. The main purpose is to mislead or damage.

5. **The seven deadly sins:**

 Pride - excessive belief in one’s one abilities.

 (sometimes referred to as vanity.)

 Envy - desire the traits, abilities and status of others

 Gluttony - consume more than you need.

 Lust - craving the pleasures of the body.

 Anger - replaces love with fury or desire

 Greed - excessive desire for materials, wealth or gain.

 Sloth - avoid spiritual or physical work.

 The seven Godly virtues:

 chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness and humility.

**6. Confession and Absolution from one of forms of Morning and Evening Prayer:**

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep,

we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own

hearts,

we have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone what we ought to have done,

and we have done what we ought not to have done.

Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;

restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may live godly, righteous and sober lives

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Absolution or the Assurance that God forgives us our sins.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the death of

sinners, but would rather they should turn from their wickedness and live.

He has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people who repent

the forgiveness of sins.

God pardons all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel.

And so we ask him to grant us true repentance, and his holy Spirit, that what

we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and

holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen