



The Gazette

Kate's Story

Stop Press

Bridge Building on The Road to Renewal Meetings

Emerald March 18

Rockhampton March 25

Barcaldine April 8

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In 2000 I was given a life sentence with a non-parole period of 13 years. I was in my mid 30s and not been in prison prior to the offence. I'm not saying I was an angel, really far from it, and some may say I had fallen between many cracks along the criminal

justice highway. In 1971, at 11 years of age I was a run-away living under a police station in Red Hill, Brisbane. I was made a ward of the state by my 12th birthday.

OK, there are dozens of stories and hard-luck testimonies that depict the way in which fellow criminals present their personal journey on the road into prison. We do however share a few similarities I am able to identify, these form us into a tight knit group of knowing, sorrow, understanding, compassion and strength, not through any spoken word but through a single look or nod. Weakness is an inmates worst enemy, to survive you swallow down



every hurtful emotion until your alone, locked away in your cell. Trust is a rarity, we have few options of who we may have to turn to when we feel vulnerable, empty, lost or forgotten. People should be able to show sadness, trauma, helplessness and loss without the fear of these very normal emotions; under these extreme living conditions; being used against them.

In July 2000, I can recall hearing an unfamiliar voice from a visitor as she walked past the compound cage and said, "Good morning". Just those two words uttered from someone who smiled a non-judgemental smile at me, "yes, me, who felt unworthy of such kindness", made me cry.

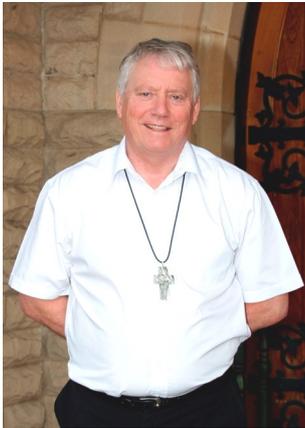
Now, 16 years later, the same woman has the capacity to take me back to that time when I felt so empty and undeserving of love from God or anyone for that matter; to who I am now, a person who has felt the gentle strength of God's love through His disciple. How her words of faith were able to re-build me slowly into a person who now believes, has strength and self-worth. It is so unfortunate that we are not able to reach inside ourselves and share with others the healing powers and feelings of inspiration, euphoria and love a full spirit brings. The best we are really able to do is to try and share this untainted emotion in mere

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The Bishop's Musings



Pain and Pleasure

One of the challenges facing the Anglican Church today is how to do mission in a changed and constantly evolving society.

The world is constantly changing and yet, the ways in which we view the world, our worldview, can remain remarkably inflexible. A worldview provides security, helping us to make sense of our world; it provides a way for us to describe the nature of things. It tells us why things are the way they are and how to act. Worldviews are extremely resistant to change, 'Our worldview buttresses our fundamental beliefs with emotional reinforcements so that they are not easily destroyed'. *

When we consider this information in relation to how we think and feel about church, about worship and mission, I hope we can begin to understand how difficult it is to change the way we do church and the ways we think about mission. This creates significant difficulties. Our culture has changed and is changing quite rapidly. But our worldview remains static. Put simply this means the old ways of doing things don't work anymore. I'm reasonably confident that all of us at some stage or another have had to take a step back and rethink our understanding of the way things work, perhaps wondering why did that happen.

Cultural anthropologists claim there are a number of different cultures across the world. Very briefly, there is the shame-honour culture found in many Eastern, Middle Eastern and Asian countries. There is the fear-power culture that is found in tribal societies in Africa, and places where animism is the major religious belief, and there is the guilt-innocence culture found in Western societies.

At least this is the way it was. It is now being suggested that Western society, perhaps with the demise of the Christian faith which created and reinforced the guilt-innocence culture, is shifting into a pleasure-pain culture. People no longer accept the old concepts of sin and guilt and the subsequent need for salvation and a declaration of innocence. Pleasure and fulfilment, instant gratification and the hedonistic pursuit of all that makes the individual feel good is now the major driver of Western culture. Christian concepts like sin, sacrifice and suffering sound far too painful to many people in today's world. Little wonder we struggle to connect with people in our streets and towns.

I don't want to suggest, even for a moment, that we abandon the concepts of sin and the need for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Indeed these things set us apart, as does the Christian doctrine of sacrifice and suffering. We recognise life is not all about pleasure, there is sacrifice

and pain. Even those who constantly chase pleasure eventually must come to a point of pain. Pain, like death, is part of life and it cannot be avoided. So we are left to consider how can we connect with them.

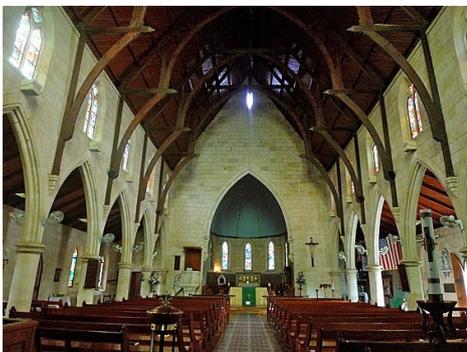
To connect with pleasure we can speak of the joy of being a child of God, an inheritor of the heavenly kingdom. Can I ask you to reflect on whether our gatherings reflect joy? Are we a joyful people or have we lost sight of the truth of God and the power of the Holy Spirit? The apostle Paul could speak of being joyful in suffering because he was convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38)

In pain we can connect by helping people to see what Paul illustrates so well in the passage above – God knows pain and while God may not take the pain away he provides the strength to go on. It is easy to forget the simple truth, to let go of the joy of knowing Christ that should be ours and to seek pleasure and fulfilment in the things of this world and not in the knowledge and love of Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the assurance that we are God's people.

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to being counter-

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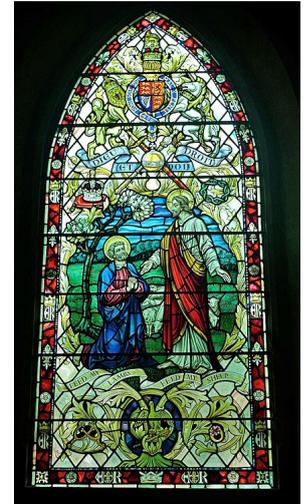
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cultural to finding joy, deep joy, in God. May His Spirit fill our hearts and minds and may we, filled with God's Spirit, bring new life to all we meet.

With every blessing

**Transforming Culture*, Hiebert, P.G.,
Baker Books, Grand Rapids, 2008, p29.

+ David



Bishops Calendar

March	
4-9	National Bishops Conference, Coolangatta
12	Gladstone
16, 17	Royal Commission hearing, Sydney
18	Emerald Bridge Building on The Road to Renewal
20-24	Royal Commission hearing, Sydney
25	Rockhampton Bridge Building on The Road to Renewal
25, 26	Dawson Valley
April	
1	Blackall
4, 5	Provincial Bishops meeting, Brisbane
8, 9	Barcaldine Bridge Building on The Road to Renewal, Longreach
22, 23	Dawson Valley
24-2 May	Installation of Bishop Geoff Smith as Archbishop of Adelaide
May	
6, 7	Hub meeting Emerald
14	Mission to Seafarers, Gladstone
19-21	Synod
21-24	Clergy Retreat
27, 28	Hub meeting Barcaldine, Longreach
June	
3	Hub meeting Biloela
10	Hub meeting Rockhampton
17-13 Aug	Annual & Long Service Leave

*Will you come and
follow me if I but call
your name?*



St Mary's Mt Morgan

Saint Mary's Parish Mount Morgan is holding a MOTHER'S DAY CENT SALE on Saturday 13th MAY at 2pm at the St Mary's Hall, Gordon Street, Mount Morgan. Afternoon tea prior to commencement of Cent Sale. Great prizes and fellowship. For further details contact Keith Hare on 49381286.

John Ramm, Warden.

St Mark's Boyne Tannum



This photo was taken at the new playground in the recently redeveloped Alf Larson/Lions Park in Miriam Vale. The Hodge boys, Caleb, Noah and Josh had accompanied their mother, Fiona, The Rev'd Beryl Andersen and other Parish councillors to a southern centre meeting of the Parish of Boyne River

parish council in Miriam Vale. This photo, of three much loved younger members of the St Mark's congregation, now graces one billboard at the park and a second billboard on the highway, approaching the northern entrance to Miriam Vale!

Ian McNeilly

Parish of North Rockhampton

Another year has commenced, we hope everyone used the Christmas period to rest and enjoy the company of family and friends and to re-energise the batteries for another year. The Christmas services were well patronised, in particular the family service at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, The Rev'd

Tom sadly suffered a heart attack and was unable to celebrate the Christmas services so it was fortunate The Rev'd Narelle Kidson was able to save the day and come to the fore. The usual Christmas Carols were sung prior to the commencement of Midnight service. Rev'd Narelle recently

received a licence from the Diocese allowing her to minister in the parish. Other recipients of licences within the parish were Nelda Law so she could visit patients in the Rockhampton Hospital and Davina Morrison in becoming a Liturgical Assistant.

Lawrie Fox

"The Revd Narelle Kidson was able to save the day"

St David's Moura

The first Combined Service for the year was held at St David's Moura on January 29. A very joyful service of thanksgiving saw enthusiastic participation from members of the various denominations. Claudia's

birthday was celebrated with a delicious cake make and iced by Daphne. The next gathering of the wider Christian community will be the World Day of Prayer service on Friday March 3 from 9.30 am at St David's Moura. This service is

written by the women of the Philippines. The service will feature music, prayers and pictures from the Philippines with the local Pilipino ladies being invited to participate.

Claudia Stephenson

Allegations of Abuse

A protocol has been established to respond to any complaints of abuse within parishes and agencies of the Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton.

Anyone wishing to seek assistance should telephone

The Director of Professional Standards:

Mr Greg Milles on 1800 242 544.

Springsure Parish

The new year arrived with a downpour of 143 ml. rain from a wild storm in one night, causing the creek to reach water heights unknown before. However, we now enjoy gazing at a smiling landscape and very thankful to God for His Blessing.

This month we move into AGM of the Parish discussing past events and planning for the future. The plan this year is 'Each one Reach one'. Good thinking. Well, just imagine the results of each one putting into practice such wisdom. It could even result in having to build a bigger church. It has been said that it is better to wear out than rust out. No chance of the latter in this parish, with our well-oiled Ministry Team at the helm.

Activities have already begun with Bishop Alf hosting a men's breakfast

in the grounds of his home. It was very well attended. Thankyou Bishop Alf. Following on from this is Bible Study hosted by Sharon and Leonard in their home. This too, is well attended, so a big thankyou to our gracious hosts.

Next is the planning of Shrove Tuesday pancake day organised for the young children and old ones if they care to compete. This takes place in the well-kept grounds of St Peters. After school the children arrive to ply their skills cooking pancakes, eating them in competition, running races, playing games, ending late in the afternoon to enjoy, with parents and friends, a BBQ before returning home tired but very happy.

All Saints church in Rolleston still stands. Rev'd Judy provides two

services a month, but there is a great need to uphold them in prayer.

It was with heavy hearts we said good-bye to Isla who, for many years was a faithful parishioner at St Peters. Isla always did her best to help those in need and took on many executive positions in the parish. We miss her friendship and kindly nature. May she rest in peace.

A well attended funeral was held for an old citizen of Springsure, Lindsay Black, who died at the age of 87 years. Lindsay, in his young days, was Australian Champion rough rider and a very good sportsman. He was laid to rest beside his parents and brother in Springsure Cemetery. Rest in Peace Lindsay.

Anne Travers



Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union began the year with our usual Quiet Day at Keppel, taking advantage of cooler climate and air-conditioning – thank you Keppel parish! The Rev'd Jan Robinson conducted the day, focusing on our Mission i.e. "Sharing Christ's Love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and

family life".

How do we share Christ's love? This was our challenge. Rev'd Jan led our thoughts through 3 steps – knowing we are loved; the responsibility that comes with God's love, the call to share; then, telling the world. Each step had questions we reflected on, and then shared. It was an

especially meaningful day, giving us plenty to think about as we begin our year's activities. Thank you very much, Rev'd Jan.

2017 marks 125 years since Mothers' Union began in Australia, in Tasmania. All members are invited to a national Conference in Launceston 14th – 17th September.

However if you are unable to attend that conference, we will also be having special activities in our Diocese, starting with celebrations on Lady Day, 25th March at St Paul's Cathedral, commencing with a Eucharist at 9.30am. More details will be sent to parishes later.

*Noelle Frazer,
Diocesan President.*

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The deadlines for these items for the 2017 issues are:

May 14th; August 14th; November 14th;
then February 14th 2018

All Saints, Parish of Clermont



By the time this goes to print it will be into the 3rd month of the New Year - what is time doing to us (any suggestions)?

What's happened?

Our Christmas Service on Friday 23 Dec at 6 pm was well attended; those who chose went out for dinner after and enjoyed the night. Rev'd Bob & Sue held Church in Capella, Saturday 24, then onto home for Christmas with family in Biloela. Thank you Rev'd Bob & Sue. I was at the Sunshine Coast with family & yes, I went to Church.

What's happening?

It was with sadness that Revd Bob & Sue ended their appointment with us in February.

During their time our Spiritual Journey was well looked after & they fitted into the Church Family and community with enthusiasm. We held a farewell lunch on Sunday 26 to say our goodbyes. We wish them well.

Bishop David's announcement that he had a priest for our Parish was a delight. The appointment of The Rev'd Anne Nixon from Winton to our Parish will happen

after Easter. Looking forward to meeting and greeting Rev'd Anne and husband then helping them settle in.

Parish AGM held Sunday 19 February at 10.30am immediately after service; if you get them while they're at Church they feel they have to attend. Works well - just kidding!

The usual setting of dates for fundraising is all starting to happen (again), trying to leave until the heat wave passes and it cools down.

The Christian who tugs on the oars hasn't time to rock the boat.

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Attention all lay people...

Would you like:

- to deepen your faith?
- be equipped to serve God ?
- learn to think Biblically ?

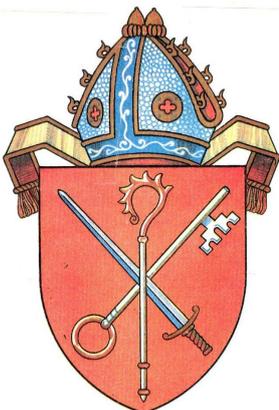


The Ridley Certificate can help in these areas. It is an online course consisting of 10 subjects that can be studied anywhere, anytime by individuals or groups. The course features video lectures, discussion questions and multiple-choice quizzes.

Cost : \$80 per subject

If you would like to be part of this exciting opportunity, please contact Jan Robinson at the Diocesan Office (07) 4927 3188 or jan@anglicanchurchcq.org.au

Equipping God's people to live faithfully for Jesus and serve Him in the world.



THE SEE ENDOWMENT FUND

When the Diocese of Rockhampton was excised from the Diocese of Brisbane and established in 1892 it was hoped that a See Endowment Fund would be fully subscribed. Such a fund was put in place to make sure that the cost of having a Bishop of Rockhampton Diocese would be assured and not require support from the Diocesan budget. Unfortunately the fund was never fully established and the Diocese has had to live with that for the last 123 years. The fund however still exists, and income that is earned from capital invested becomes part of the annual budget for the Bishopric. The Diocese would be greatly assisted if, over 123 years later, the fund received new gifts and bequests from benefactors. Gifts can be made to the Diocese of Rockhampton, PO Box 710, Rockhampton QLD 4700 and bequests should be worded: *"I bequeath to the Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Rockhampton for the purpose of the See Endowment Fund."*

Regional Ministry Hubs – A model for training and growth.

During Synod 2014 I spoke about the nature of our Diocese, about how, in a number of places, we have licensed lay people leading parishes and about the difficulties all of us face, lay and ordained, by a lack of training and isolation. The challenges of ministry, of training, support and encouragement remain. One answer to these challenges is the development of Regional Ministry Hubs. Where each regional hub is to become a centre for training and resourcing those who are involved in the mission and ministry of the church in their region.

Regional Hub FAQ

How many hubs will there be?

Four

Who should attend?

Anyone who is involved in, or wishes to know more about ministry in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Where will regional hubs meet?

Biloela, Emerald, Barcaldine and Rockhampton.

How often will they meet?

Two or three times per year.

Usually on a Saturday between 10am and 3.00pm.

Who will lead them?

A local person or, ideally, a small team of people in each region will take on the role of coordinating the hub. The teaching components of the day will be led by people with the appropriate expertise and knowledge and coordinated through the diocese.

What is the purpose of a regional hub?

To provide support and encouragement to one another.

To pray together

To learn together

To better equip us for leadership, for mission and ministry.

What happens at a regional hub meeting?

A typical hub meeting programme may include:

a time of gathering and prayer

a study session on a Biblical or Theological topic

a session on practical aspects of mission and ministry

a time for sharing ideas/challenges and hearing from others

a time to pray for, and encourage, one another.

It is planned to put together a programme of training which will result in the issue of a Bishop's certificate in Ministry for those who complete a set number of sessions.



Any other questions?

Come along to the hub meeting in your region and ask the Bishop.

Bishop David

Paraclesis comes to Keppel

This Lent Keppel parish embarks on a new ministry venture in pastoral care as we take up Paraclesis - Journeying together. Paraclesis is a Greek word that describes calling another to come beside us in a time of need.

Paraclesis encourages people to come alongside people who are struggling with life's challenges. It offers the Church a fresh perspective on pastoral care and journeying together – the way that God journeys alongside us.

It is more than a sermon and study series rather it seeks to bring transformation to the life of the parish as we explore how our existing life experience can be a resource to help others who are travelling difficult situations. The catch phrase is 'Who Cares' and of course we as Gods people are called to live and give the love and

care of Jesus.

It is our hope that our parish will be a place where people, more and more reach beyond the church walls to care for others? Across the parish many small groups will gather each week to share and learn using the Daily Guide they have been using each day. All participants will wear a hello wristband that says Who Cares?. This is a constant reminder to who we are to be as servants of Jesus.

Paraclesis

- ◆ Resets – a culture of care and compassion to be a core value of church life.
- ◆ Enables – people to come alongside and journey well with others in need.
- ◆ Develops – basic skills that

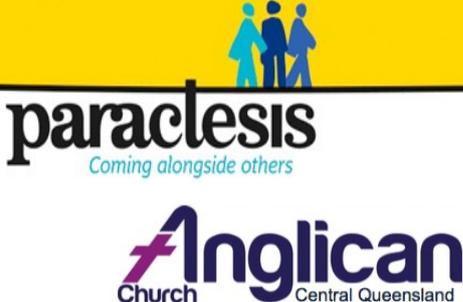
enable people to come alongside other people.

- ◆ Provides – support through teaching, resources, materials and practical teaching.

Keppel Parish is probably the first parish in Australia to undertake Paraclesis which hails from CWR in the UK and is authored by Trevor Partridge. Trevor is not only a co-founder of the Christian charity CWR, but also has a wealth of pastoral experience and a personal connection with Paraclesis as he has developed the initiative over the past 15 years.

We look forward to reporting our experience in the next edition of the Gazette.

Canon Mike



paraclesis
Coming alongside others

Anglican Church
Central Queensland

Safe Ministry Training Awareness Workshop

This awareness workshop is intended to provide you with an introduction to Safe Church policies and procedures.

A workshop for all church workers: Clergy, Parish Councilors, Wardens, Lay Ministers, Youth and Children's Leaders, Pastoral Carers, etc.

This course will cover:

- duty of care, codes of conduct, positional power, transparency and accountability
- protecting vulnerable people including children at risk of harm-definitions, indicators and response procedures
- information about training, recruiting and supervising leaders
- how to establish and run safe church ministry programs including risk management

For more information and to register contact:
Diocesan Safe Ministry Training Officer:
Rev'd Jan Robinson (07) 4927 3188

Please bring your own lunch . Morning and afternoon tea will be provided.
No charge for individuals



2017 Dates
Saturdays: 9:30 - 3:30

March 11: St Luke's, Wandal

April 1: Holy Trinity, Blackall

August 26: St. Andrew's, Longreach



This workshop is an NCCA-SCTA endorsed workshop run by Safe Ministry Resources

Kate's Story continued

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words.

When your body feels as though it is a crumbled pile of guilt and hopelessness how can you rise from that? How can one pull their crumbs together to rebuild a broken life? It is done through the kindness of others who gather you to them in God's name and in God's love; step by step; stumble by stumble; smile by smile; and achievement by achievement. The small band of disciples working to restore the broken souls of inmates are the Prison Chaplaincy Team. There would be very few inmates who have not felt the spark of light and hope ignite in them after a chaplain or prison fellowship member had spared a smile, word or prayer with them.

We have many rehabilitative, lifestyle and skill based courses in prison. They are highly beneficial and informative to those who are ready to follow a crime free pathway. A lot of these people succeed as they have faith in themselves. This faith is born from the Holy Spirit, we all have it as we are all children of God. Sometimes we loose our connection with our feelings of faith and thoughts of God, we then loose ourselves. Broken souls can only be restored through faith. In prisons

this faith is provided through the work of prison chaplains.

From 2000-2015, I would especially, and with great fondness, like to thank the many Chaplains who shared the Lord's word with such faith and passion at the Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre. I would further like to give thanks to the Prison Chaplains at the Townsville Women's Correctional Centre who supported and cared for us all and continue to do so.

Kate Christian



“The Capricornia Correctional Centre, just north of Rockhampton, currently has no Anglican Chaplain visiting the 500 male prisoners incarcerated in that facility. Although the Diocese has a candidate awaiting security clearance and commencement for training, there is still a need for further Chaplains to enter the

prison and to be the presence of Christ. A Chaplain's well being is very safe on the inside as they listen with a non-judgmental heart, sharing the gospel of a God who offers forgiveness, and providing a message of encouragement and hope to prisoners during their term of internment and preparation for re-entry into society. If you believe God is calling you to a ministry of pastoral and spiritual care and would like to explore how you might apply your gifts as a Prison Chaplain and as an outreach ministry of your parish, I

would really like to hear from you. Please contact me on my mobile or via my email address, details of which appear below.

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***Bringing Light Within
and Beyond the Wire***

St Luke's Wandal

St Luke's parish lost another of its long-term friends with the passing of Don Mackay in December at the age of 93. Don had been a resident at Bethesda for the last few years, and is fondly remembered by many.

Congratulations to parishioner Shirley Shannon, who was the recipient of the Citizen of The Year at the local Australia Day Awards run by the local council. She has been actively involved with the parish since the late 1980's and is always ready to help wherever needed. As well as this role, she is a tireless worker for the Queensland Cancer Council in Rockhampton, and, until recently, she was part of the team coordinating the Arts and Crafts section at the Rockhampton Show.

Well done Shirley!

Jan Nightingale



Once again the parish supported the Hall School staff as they prepared for the 2017 school year. Below is an excerpt from The Hall School Newsletter.

“Great support from St Luke's Church: The St Luke's Church community is maintaining a great partnership with our school by generously presenting us with classroom stationery items which you can see in the picture above. The St Luke's Church volunteers also provided lunch for all of our staff on

A great partnership is maintained with The Hall School by generously presenting classroom stationery items

one of the Student Free Days. St Luke's Church community volunteers also assist with our Breaky Club on Thursday mornings and reading in the classroom. Our mentoring program could not run without the support of St Luke's Church. We thank the wonderful Church community for their continued support and to Father Shaji for his continued leadership in our partnership.”

*Mrs Lindy-lou Brown
The Principal, Hall State
School*



*Shirley Shannon outside
St Luke's Wandal*

Women in Australian Society and the Church



“If the unfair and discriminatory treatment of women in society and the church deeply concerns you, please consider coming to the Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) national conference”

In our “lucky country”, Australia, women are accorded equality; they are assuming leadership in every sphere of life and excelling in the education stakes. Nevertheless, at least once or twice a week in the daily paper that I read each morning there is an article on the pay gap between men and women, or the small percentage of women in management positions, or the discrimination shown towards women in one or other of the professions. Worse still there are never ending articles about the abuse of women in the home which impacts on an estimated one in five women. What this reminds us of is that even when we have the highest ideals, putting ideals into practice in a fallen world can be elusive and thus a constant challenge. When it comes to the developing world, the lot of most women leaves you in tears.

But what about in the church? Are we better at putting our Christian ideals

into practice and specifically, are we better when it comes to women? I think not; in fact all too often the church lags behind the world. The problem is when it comes to women we are divided on the ideal itself. Many Christians still believe that God appointed men to lead. I cannot tell you how many people have told me in anguish that in their church at least once a month their minister speaks about “male headship” and gives a sermon entirely on this topic several times a year and that he never allows women to preach.

Jesus would be horrified by such teaching. He said not one word on “male headship” and much to the contrary. Even St Paul, would have raised his hand in protest. Yes, in Ephesians 5:23 he spoke of the husband as “the head of the wife” but then he went on to say “the head” should give himself in service for his wife even to the point of giving his life for her. This kind of “headship” is too costly for most men to consider too seriously. Then we should note that Paul affirmed women leading in prayer and proclamation in church (1 Cor 11:5); commended Nymphia who lead a house church (Col

4:15), and greets Junia a woman apostle (Rom 16:7). In 1 Corinthians 12:28, he says, apostles are “first in the church”. What we need to recognise is that Paul in his age and culture, two thousand years ago, was seeking to subvert patriarchy, not endorse it.

If the unfair and discriminatory treatment of women in society and the church deeply concerns you, please consider coming to the Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) national conference, April 28-30th, 2017, in Melbourne. See for further information and to register, the CBE website, www.cbe.org.au. At the conference Dr Mimi Haddad, the president of CBE International, the Rev Patti Ricotta who works against the mutilation of young women in Africa, and Dr Kevin Giles, a New Testament scholar will be keynote speakers. In addition, there will be twenty one workshops, covering such topics as biblical teaching on the male-female relationship, the abuse of women in the home, women in indigenous communities, women in church planting, gender equality in schools, and much more.

*Lynley Giles
Conference convenor &
President of Melbourne CBE*



Emerald Parish

Adios Amigo was heard echoing around the grounds at Saint Luke's on Friday the 27th January. Saying goodbye is hard but we were determined to make this a happy and memorable send-off despite Honorio saying that in his homeland a big party is for when you are glad to see someone go. This was NOT the case for us. Our congregation had the unenviable task of farewellling our much loved Priest and very good friend. We invited the public to a barbecue held on our beautiful lawn. People from across the community whose lives had been touched by Honorio in the 3 1/2 years he has been in Emerald, gathered to say Buena Suerte (Good luck and God Speed) and to thank him for all he has done. We wish Honorio Hincapie all the best as he moves to where God is leading him.

We are fortunate to have Bishop Alf Chipman joining us in March to be our part-time locum until then our L.A.s are doing a fabulous job of leading our Sunday Services.

Our annual Garden party will be held on Saturday 13th May and we have named it "Time for a Spot of Tea". This day is timed for Mother's Day each year and it is great to see generations of mothers and daughters attending. This annual function is firmly ensconced in the Emerald social calendar and is usually a sold out success. It is another way we can reach out to our community and live our mission which is "To Know Christ and to Make



Him Known to Others".

Time is nearing for Easter and we are looking forward to our usual Lenten celebrations which include Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Maundy Thursday where we share a simple meal and the washing of the feet.

Please pray for our community as we await a new Priest to be chosen by God to come to Emerald.

*Christine Joass
Priest's Warden*

***"Time for a Spot of
Tea on Saturday May
13th."***

Christ The King School, Port Moresby

Could this be your project this year?

Last year the PNG Support Committee suggested that parishes contribute to a \$5 Christmas gift for all 400 pupils of Christ the King School in Port Moresby. As well, Emerald parish raised a very generous

amount to help with education expenses.

These gifts were taken to the school in early October last year.

The school is perched on the top of a hill in the ATS settlement. The settlement gets its name from the adjacent Air Transport Squadron

formal compound. The school was established in 2009 by the congregation of Christ the King parish. It began as a small pre-school and has grown rapidly to now having an enrolment of over 400 pupils to Year 7. Bishop David and Rev'd Jan,

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Children on parade in their school uniforms

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Canon and Colleen Rees visited the school as part of the Pilgrimage in 2015 and so began our interest in supporting this school.

Because the school/parish does not have clear ownership of the land it is not eligible for government funding. Land ownership and demands for compensation for use of the landowner's property continues to be high on the discussion list across PNG. But despite this major problem, the growth, the standard of education and the support of the community, the development of the school

has been amazing. Classrooms have been shipping containers, temporary sheds, very few desks so children sit on the floor, few resources. But with hard fundraising work, support of the Port Moresby Diocese and other NGOs plus the response to the school by those in the 2015

Pilgrimage, much is happening. There are now two new large classrooms, a library has been developed, from the Emerald money sporting equipment has been supplied. I was so impressed with what is happening and inspired to continue to encourage further support as the school grows.

The Chairman of the school board, Ms Girika Sanata, a very committed member of the Diocese and some of the teachers and church councillors attended the GFS Children's Ministry Training during our visit in 2016. They knew nothing about GFS but now have elected to

commence a branch for young women in their parish. Girika is being funded by GFS Australia to attend the coming World Conference of GFS to gain more information and to give of her wide knowledge.

More classrooms are needed, resources are needed for the

children, often it is difficult to pay the salaries of the teachers. People often ask if I can take up resources to PNG but our luggage is limited. It is far better to take money and to purchase resources in Port Moresby to enhance the local economy or to give the money to the school for specific purposes.

There is very limited income in the settlements. Housing in Port Moresby is very limited and the settlements develop from people "squatting" on the land. There is a very high unemployment rate and there are no social security benefits. But despite that the parents of these children pay a small fee for their child to attend Christ the King and give their support in many ways to develop the school.

I encourage you to consider supporting the school this year. Synod heard about the school last year. I hope there will be some more promotion this year. Please contact me through the PNG Support Committee if you are interested in more information and hopefully in supporting the school.

GFS will be taking their training team to PNG in October of this year, and we will concentrate much of our training at Christ the King. We will be able to take with us any gifts

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Container classroom left, current class room and partly finished classroom



Do you KYB? or Do you Know Your Bible?

One way to learn is through an interdenominational and international method known as KYB.

It is written by women for women as part of Christian Women Communicating International (CWCI).

KYB began in Australia in 1972.

This method encourages private guided reading at home using set questions, the answers are discussed as a group (meeting weekly or fortnightly), the leader gives a summary of the main points and their application for today, finally the review notes printed in the study booklet are read. Our learning is thus reinforced.

Studies this year Gospel of John (Chs. 11-21) - 9 studies - term 1
 Haggai/Zechariah - 9 studies - term 2
 Holy Spirit – 9 studies - term 3
 Solomon (Kingdom and Worship) - 5 studies - term 4

Other options for those who don't quite fit the above model are:

- * KYB by Correspondence for those who are unable to attend a group.
- * eKYB for those who use internet learning
- * KYB TOO for mixed groups or groups wanting to sample the KYB method
- * KYB for Men or mixed groups (KYB4M)

Currently in this diocese there are several groups in Biloela, Bororen, Clermont, Gladstone, Moura, Rockhampton, Longreach and Yeppoon districts.

Sue Witten has taken on the role of KYB regional administrator and covers the area from Gympie to Yeppoon to Winton. There are 85 groups at present in her care.

If you are interested in joining a group, starting a group or one of the above options just contact Sue on 0447829594 or email rswitten@dodo.com.au



Sue Witten,
KYB regional administrator

An Outward Looking Ecumenical & Missional Church

What does an ecumenical missional church look like?

Here in Longreach on the second Sunday in the month commencing at 6pm the ministers from the different denominations gather together, along with members from their congregations, in Edkins Memorial Park, to pray for the community. Currently we are praying for rain and revival and from time to time others turn up who we witness to.

It may not be much, but it is a simple start. We also have the

privilege of opening each monthly Regional Council Meeting with prayer and a short devotion. We also run combined outreach events at Easter & Christmas.

Someone sows, another waters, but it is the Lord who gives the growth (1Cor 3:7).

From little things, big things grow (Paul Kelly).

Whatever is learnt, whatever is planned, whatever is talked about, there comes a time to turn learning, planning and talking into action. Let's do it.

The Rev'd Capt. Graeme Liersch
 Longreach/Barcaldine



Meeting on the second Sunday of the month at 6pm to pray and work together.

From Left to right: ACC Pastors Belinda & Scott, ACC Pastor (Blackall), Rev'd Jenny (U.C.), Karen, John & a parishioner (Salvos), Graeme (Ang) & Peter (U.C).

Missing at this gathering: Fr Rob (R.C.) & Ken (Baptist).

Photo taken by a visitor.

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or purchase resources in Port Moresby.

Please pray for the school, for a positive end to the many discussions about land ownership and for the teachers, children, and Board members who represent Christ the

King School.

Children in their new sports T shirts and some of the equipment presented to the school



The school library

(I acknowledge some of this information is taken from a research paper written by Michelle Rooney, a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre, Australian National University and for which she was award the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology 2016, Graduate Student Paper Prize) Google it. It is an excellent informative paper on Christ the King School.)

(Canon) Val Gribble

Dates for your Diary

All these meetings are from 10am to 3pm with morning tea and lunch provided. Please contact the number provided if you have any special dietary requirements

Bridge Building on The Road to Renewal meetings

Date	Parishes	Meeting venue	Contact
18 March	Emerald, Springsure, Clermont & Moranbah	St Luke's Hall Ruby Street, Emerald	P: 4982 1802
25 March	Nth Rockhampton, Gracemere, Wandal, Cathedral & Keppel	All Saints Community, St David's Church Simpson Street, Frenchville	P: 4927 3188
8 April	Barcaldine, Barcoo, Longreach & Winton	Main Roads Training room 74 Ash Street, Barcaldine	M: 0427 513 439 M: 0417 513 390

Regional Ministry Hub meetings

Date	Parishes	Meeting venue
6 May	Emerald, Springsure, Clermont & Moranbah	St Luke's Hall Ruby Street, Emerald
27 May	Barcaldine, Barcoo, Longreach & Winton	Main Roads Training room 74 Ash Street, Barcaldine
3 June	Callide, Dawson, Gladstone, Boyne Tannum	St Gabriel's Hall, 76 Kariboe St Biloela
10 June	Nth Rockhampton, Gracemere, Wandal, Cathedral & Keppel	All Saints Community St David's Church Simpson Street, Frenchville



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Christianity in the Qur'an

The fourth in a series on Islam to help us think through this issue.

There are several ways to learn about Islam. One of them is to consider what the Qur'an teaches about Christianity. This allows us to understand an aspect of how they perceive us.

You may be surprised to hear that the Qur'an speaks a lot about Christianity. Muhammad lived 600 years after Jesus and by this time Christianity has spread vast distances, including to Arabia, and there are large sections of the Qur'an that interact with Christians and core Christian beliefs.

For example the Qur'an denies the death of Jesus:

They said (in boast), 'We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of God'; but they killed him not, nor crucified him ... (Qur'an 4:157)

It denies the Trinity and Incarnation:

They are unbelievers who say, 'God is the Third of Three'. No god is there but One God ... The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a Messenger; Messengers before him

passed away; his mother was just a woman; they both ate food. (Qur'an 5:73-75)

It denies any expression of the Son of God:

It is not fitting for the Merciful (Allah) to take to himself a son. There is none in the heavens and the earth who will not come to the Merciful (except) as a slave. (Qur'an 19:92-93)

What does all this mean?

It means that Muslims are prepared! Muslims who learn their faith are prepared to engage with Christians at our most significant doctrines, and this preparation is more than just theological, it is also romantic and political.

It is romantic in that Muslim men can marry Christian women (Qur'an. 5:5) and so establish Islam in new areas, and political in that it allows friendship with Christians (Qur'an. 5:82) but also sets the goal of their conquest and subjugation (Qur'an. 9:29-33).

What about Islam in the Bible?

When we read the New Testament we never see Jesus and his apostles evangelise Muslims, this is because Muhammad comes 600 years after Jesus. The result is that the Bible

does not talk about Islam directly, and Christianity does not directly prepare people for Islam in the way that Islam does for Christianity.

For the Christian, Islam is something optional that they may or may not learn about, but for the Muslim it is compulsory to learn the chief doctrines of Christianity and to have a clear political agenda.

Therefore, generally Christians are not prepared for Islam while Muslims may be quite prepared for Christians.

It is important to understand this situation because this is the context we find ourselves in as our two cultures meet. This is why our churches, schools, and political leaders have little or no understanding of Islam.

We are playing catch-up.

But it also provides an opportunity, because you can ask a Muslim what they have been taught about Christianity. It is a subject they are meant to discuss and know something about, so don't be afraid to ask them.

<http://engagingwithislam.org> will give you all the tools you need.

Samuel Green