



The Gazette

Reflections on Synod 2017

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I have been asked to write a report about how I have seen Synod's over the years that I have attended.

Synod is the yearly meeting for the Diocese when Priests and Parish Representatives come together to discuss the running of the Diocese. It's not always held in Rockhampton, but one of the first I can recall easily was a Synod, held at Neerkol, when the Diocese was voting on women being allowed to be ordained to the Priesthood.

Synod would begin at 6pm Friday at the Cathedral with Evening Prayer where the Bishop sometimes delivered his Presidential Address. The public would often attend this sitting too.

Saturday would begin with 8am Eucharist at the Cathedral then we would move to the selected venue. Not as many presentations were held over early years, but technology has made it so much easier for this to happen now. Sometimes representatives would bring their partners along to share in the evening dinner on the Saturday night. Some years we had Guest Speakers.

Sunday, we all attended the Synod Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral. What a great time of meeting up with people from city and surrounding parishes. The Parishes all had their banners, and proudly paraded them into church before the procession

followed by the Bishop. For some years, when Judge Britton was the Chancellor, we all were very interested to see his robes of Justice on that day. At the Synod service the Priests of the Parishes would receive the Holy Oils for the following year.

There is a public gallery at Synod if people are interested to come and listen.

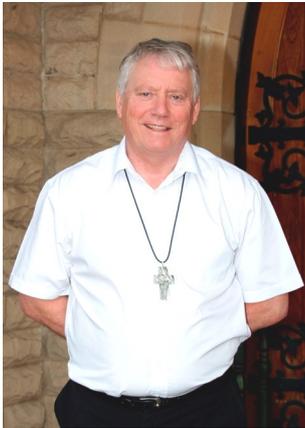
Synod Papers, which used to be prepared for each Parish manually, are now available online. The Treasurer's report was on Saturday afternoon and took a long time as we went through the finances page for page, line for line.

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The 2017 Synod family

The Bishop's Musings



Dear Friends,

In our last issue, I noted how our society has changed and spoke of how it is now 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. A culture that no longer accepts the old concepts of sin and guilt or the need for salvation.

This shift is having a significant impact on the way we do church. Perhaps the best way to test this impact is to ask why do you come to church? Is it because of the great teaching? Is it because the music is uplifting? Is it because your friends are there? Or perhaps you would put it more spiritually and say, you come to receive communion and be reassured that you are part of the community of the faithful. Note that in each these cases the

reason for attendance is personal. Put bluntly we often attend church for what we get out of it, for some personal gain.

The pleasure/pain culture helps to create a fulfilment/sacrifice response. We attend church seeking personal fulfilment and when we don't receive this fulfilment we move on to another church, another activity, perhaps giving up worship completely, because we find our spiritual fulfilment, our god in the garden, the bush, the seaside.

The impact of this change can also be seen in the number of churches that now advertise church attendance in terms of personal fulfilment 'Live your best life', 'Become all you were meant to be,' 'Life change happens here' are just three of the ones I have come across recently. There is an element of truth in each of these, after all faith in Jesus does enable us to

become the kind people God wants us to be. Here is the key issue – the kind of people God wants us to be not who we or the world thinks we should be.

Christianity is a religion of sacrifice. The ultimate sacrifice being found in the cross. Each believer is called to take up their cross and follow Jesus, called to put others ahead of themselves, to serve God and not their own personal ends. It is not a popular message but it's a message we need to hear if we are to be faithful in proclaiming the good news of Jesus. Good news that turns upside down so much of what passes for worldly wisdom, good news that reminds us that it is in giving we receive, that following Jesus is the path to fulfilment. It is in sacrifice that we find true fulfilment.

With every blessing

+ *David*

“Christianity is a religion of sacrifice.”

RE in Schools



We are so blessed to be able to continue to supply RE in schools when so many states have opted out. Let us continue to pray that God will keep this opportunity open to us. Here is a story from an RE teacher this year:

‘One little boy told me he was going to tell his mum that he never wanted a day off school on Fridays because the RE lessons were the favourite part of his week at school. This was an answer to prayer as only two weeks earlier he was telling me he

didn't believe in God and he wasn't participating in the lesson. Now he's joining in with all the activities! It's amazing the difference prayer and a loving attitude can make!’

Revd Jan Robinson

'Bring Back the Sheep!'



Barcaldine Churches together: St Peter's Anglican, Sacred Heart Catholic, Uniting Church & Crossroads Community Church ACC



Kevin Kerr delivering the address

May 1st, Labour Day weekend or Mayday, is a historical day for the people of Barcaldine in the Central West. It's the day we celebrate the rise of unionism, the birth of the Labour Party and equality for workers.

Key to this period of history is the sheep industry, without the sheep there would have been no shearers strike and no shearers strike would have meant the

continuation of the growth between the have and the have nots, or more simply put – the squatters and the labourers, the owners and the rank and file.

Today in the West sheep are few in number, hence the theme for this year's Mayday weekend was 'Bring Back the Sheep' and what an appropriate theme it was.

The 'Barcaldine Churches Together' came together to put Christ at the very

centre of celebrations by having a combined service in the Beech Street Park.

Ply-wood cut-out sheep were produced and even a lamb made an appearance, but central to the service was the 'Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ'. A close look was taken of the 23rd Psalm and what it means for us to follow the Good Shepherd. We were clearly reminded that to have a secure life in

heaven we need to trust the Good Shepherd and follow Him, anything else will not cut it. We also acknowledged that Easter is Christ's call of 'Bring back the Sheep', his cry for us to follow him.

How's your following of the Good Shepherd going? Are you keeping your eyes firmly on him?

*Revd Capt Graeme Liersch
Mission Facilitator & Trainer
Central West QLD*



Chris Kiernan and the Lamb, courtesy of John & Trish Miller



A pretty good Ecumenical turnout for Barcaldine.

St David's Moura

St David's Anglican Church, Moura has close affiliations with the Banana community. Former warden Jenny Newton-Coupe, her husband Des, two daughters, plus sons-in-law and five grandchildren live about 40 minutes' drive from Moura, much of it along a

rough country road. Various members of the family make the trek in to Moura for some services. At other times they are part of the community church at Banana, where ecumenical services are held once a month. Recently they, along with several of St David's Moura parishioners,

joined in with the National Day of Thanksgiving and Market Day overseen annually by the Uniting Church ladies, but with great support from other denominations and the wider community. St David's church organist, Claudia Stephenson, is also a regular at the

Banana church, playing for special events, especially baptisms. A wonderful new addition to the Banana community is Cecilia Kurtz, daughter of Nadine nee Newton and Aaron Kurtz. We look forward to welcoming the new baby into our church family.

Claudia Stephenson

St James The Fisherman, Yeppoon



Ovarian Cancer morning tea at Keppel parish



On Saturday 4th March 'The Fellowship of St James' held a Morning Teal to raise awareness and funds for Ovarian Cancer Research. It is called Morning Teal as this is the colour for Ovarian Cancer.

Over 60 people attended the morning which included multi-draw and a spot raffles. Our guest speaker was Paula Ryan, a registered nurse who offers counselling in many areas but the main topic for our talk this year was palliative care. Boden Tighe from

Cancer Council was also in attendance.

St James The Fisherman Yeppoon was an excellent venue for the event, with Paula's informative talk being held in the worship area and the morning tea provided in the multi-purpose area known as the Foxwell Room.

The morning was enjoyed by all and we raised just over \$1300 for much needed research into Ovarian Cancer.

Lorraine Veach



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.

Clermont Parish

Psalm 118:

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

That's what we did on Thursday, 20th April: rejoice for the Commissioning of Revd Anne Nixon to our Clermont Parish.

A 6pm welcome Service was officiated by Bishop David and Revd Mark Short. Revd Judy Edgar spoke of her delight to have her friend Revd Anne in close proximity.

It was good to say hi to Bishop and Jan; their time was very short.

An enjoyable fellowship, a light meal and a wine (oops no tea and coffee)

followed in the Hall and a time for meet and greet.

Revd Anne and Noel have settled into the Rectory. Great to have Noel doing a Backyard Blitz on the Rectory yard; it needed some TLC.

Car Boot Sale Saturday, 13th May.

The week was busy setting up. Our Hall was full of donated saleable goods (composter, garden tools, toys, lots of good books, lots of household items to name a few) so hoping the old saying "someone's trash is another's treasure". Some interest from the car booters at \$10 a site (yes



Commissioning of Revd Anne Nixon

outside).

We also did a sausage sizzle breakfast and scone, jam and cream morning tea for a few extra dollars. I can say both were good sellers. Lots of Grey Nomads out there - they love these sort of laid back days (I am one now and loving it). AGM done and dusted for

another year; same caps sitting on same heads (all good).

Easter Services were well attended; Combined Church walk on Good Friday and our Morning Prayer Service on Sunday.

That's it until next time.

Sandra Strohfeldt

Lillias Jensen

I would like to express my personal thanks to someone many of us know well, someone connected for decades with St David's Frenchville and now part of All Saints Community; a Warden, a Carer, a Prison Visitor, an active member of Diocesan committees, a Counsellor, always there with a casserole or other goodies

for families who might be experiencing difficulties in their lives; always there preparing for worship services, funeral services, social activities in the parish; so loyal to many parish priests, including myself, over the years, accepting whatever traditions the Priests may follow and being the strength to the Priest's

families; faithful in her service to God and the people.

Having now retired as a Warden I can only say well done, to such a good and faithful servant, one of God's present day saints, a humble servant of God and people - a true shepherd!

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From Father Paul Gribble.



Lillias Jensen

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The deadlines for these items for the 2017 issues are:

August 14th; November 14th;

then February 14th 2018

Theodore Annual World day of Prayer



St George's Theodore

Members of St George's Anglican Church Theodore hosted the 2017 Annual World day of Prayer

featuring the Philippines, with the colourful Philippines flag draped in front of the altar, and a series of images of Philippines life and scenery projected with help from Jade from HACC.

The service, prepared by women of the Philippines, sought prayer for the needs of women impacted by violence, poverty and natural disasters, and told of the village practice of everyone helping with the rice harvest and all being given a share of the crop.

Theodore High School students presented a role play of the gospel story of the employer who paid the same to everyone who worked for him although some had worked much shorter hours than

others. The punch line is that 'the last' will be first, and 'the first' will be last.

The speaker for the day drew parallels between the way Theodore welcomes newcomers (the last) and how everyone can make them feel valued – by smiling and saying 'G'day', by providing work, by accepting their contribution to school and community, by listening to their stories, and by introducing them to those who were here already (the first).

She recalled that Jesus said that if we only greet the people who are our friends, that's no better than what the worst of people will do. This, she said, was like one of Theodore School's Positive Behaviour for Learning statements, 'At all times, I accept difference' – a traditional Christian value.

Getting back to traditional Christian values meant treating the least important as well as we would the most important, those who are different as we would our friends, and when we see the person who arrived in our community last, smile, say 'G'day', introduce them to others so they know they are welcomed and valued.

The women of the Philippines seek our prayers and the support of people of good will to give value to those who are the least valued in their country, to lift them out of danger and poverty to share in the wealth of their land.

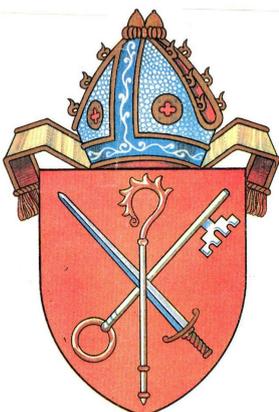
To symbolise the sharing of that wealth with the least and the greatest, a small gift of rice was distributed to all present.

Ann Hobson

'At all times, I accept difference'



**World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA**



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."*

Reflections on Synod 2017 continued

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Plenty of lollies were eaten!

Synod time frame has changed over past years, with Synod now finishing with the dinner on the Saturday night at the venue. On Sunday, the majority of the representatives attend the Service at the Cathedral.

I have appreciated being nominated by my Parish to attend Synod over the years and suggest for many more of you to pray about attending some time.

*Lillias Jensen,
North Rockhampton*

I was nominated as one of the representatives of the Anglican Parish of Gladstone to attend Synod this year which I found a wonderful privilege.

What a great encouragement it has been to learn what God is achieving through the Diocese of Rockhampton and all her Parishes. The love shown for people in need in our communities, our country and indeed beyond, touched my heart.

The dedication and hard work that all have put in to achieve the goals for their various missions that God has placed on those involved was praiseworthy of both their love of people in need and their love for God.

I am looking forward to



Synod in session

attending Synod next year to discover what else and what more has been achieved through our Lord and His willing people for the various mission fields that there are.

*Donna Cunningham,
Gladstone*

Synod is a great opportunity to meet old and new friends and share stories.

Everyone seemed more relaxed in their roles this year. The timetable was a busy one that flowed well; no time to get tired as things move along quickly. It moved so quickly I missed a couple of opportunities to make comment during the proceedings.

A usually quiet Synod hummed when the Bishop gave each table of Synod representatives the chance to raise one question to be answered at Synod.

One question was about the possibility of hearing stories from different parishes at Synod and the Bishop actioned this by inviting Revd Daniel

Paulraj from Gladstone to talk. The Bishop also interviewed two new members of Parish clergy for an insight into their lives; great stories.

The Synod worship was warmly delivered by Revd Nathan Dean (Gracemere) and Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks (North Rockhampton).

There were interesting reports on successful Anglican work in the community and plenty of challenges for all Anglicans.

Congratulations and God's richest Blessings to Revd Beth O'Neill, as Sat 20th was her 22nd anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

*Jenny Reeve,
Wandal*

I really enjoyed it all and was impressed as I found it inspiring, informative and an eye opener to discover not how much the church is involved, but the work done behind the scenes, one hears about, but not the depth involved as shown in the presentations, all

incredible.

The work involved in the archives, the records and beautiful 500 or more year old books, the heart wrenching conditions in PNG and Messy Church, WOW!; and for me a nostalgic trip to Tanyalla and Mission to Seafarers.

I was really moved by the Saturday morning service, particularly the Hymns, as I cannot sing and with everyone in full voice I could sing too in full voice knowing no one could hear me, but am sure everyone in the building heard too. I loved it. Saturday night's dinner too was inspiring with such interesting company and I could have spent all night listening to stories being told.

I met up with old friends and met many more who I hope to see again with God's grace at next year's Synod meeting.

Synod has given me a better understanding of the amount of talent they have as well as the work done by the clergy.

The only disappointment to the weekend was to find on the way home the rain stopped at Emerald. Please pray for rain in the west.

*Delphine Delaney,
Longreach*

St Andrew's Gracemere



Revd Nathan and his family as they are welcomed by the Gracemere parishioners

After an interregnum of almost eight months, it was with great joy that we welcomed Revd Nathan Dean, his wife Anita and their sons Aaron and Ryan to St Andrew's. Nathan's commencement of ministry service was held on Friday, 17th February and his first service with us was on Sunday, 19th February. Coming from suburban Sydney [there was an initial culture shock], it was a big change to a smaller regional community and there was some homesickness for extended family and friends. As the family settled into life in

Gracemere, they threw themselves into our parish life with enthusiasm. It wasn't long before they had a taste of central Queensland weather when the mighty Fitzroy flowed over its banks and the countryside as a result of Cyclone Debbie and so had their own baptism of flood. An ocean of water separated Gracemere from Rockhampton, but this time, thankfully the new flood-proof entrance to Rockhampton from the south lived up to its expectation and allowed



us uninterrupted access. However, as the airport was flooded, their first visit from family had to be diverted through Gladstone.

We have been enjoying Revd Nathan's sermons and good singing voice and also appreciate his leadership and IT knowledge, while also partaking of Anita's friendly personality and offbeat humour.

Annette Breckenridge

Mothers' Union

We were pleased to welcome three new members, and congratulate 14 with long-service badges or certificates ranging from 10 to 60 years at our

Lady Day Eucharist at the Cathedral. Caritas awards will be presented later. In celebration of 125 years of MU in Australia, the service began with the inspiring

Candle Liturgy with blue, green, purple, red and gold candles representing each of our five objects with corresponding prayers and activities.

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Back Row: Jan (50), Lyn (40), Veronica (30), Colleen (40), Jan (30), Bev (40), Pam (30) years.
Front row: Anita (60), Nell (60), Claire (50) year badges.

Mothers' Union continued

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Worship and prayer underpin all we do. Though we pray daily for the countries, dioceses, presidents and workers in our Families Worldwide Prayer Diary, when Rockhampton's turn comes up on 25th – 27th May, we roster our branch members to pray between 8 am and 6 pm for those dioceses in the world with which we are linked. Our Link Dioceses are Bor in South Sudan, Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Oru and Oleh in Nigeria, and Agra in India. Armed with information from these dioceses, our members pray for people and their caring work in these areas no one else would pray for. Prayer is a

powerful tool, and Mothers' Union groups are bringing about tremendous changes in their churches and communities in these countries for which we pray.

Noelle Frazer



New members, Pauline, Sheba and Lynn with Revd Claire Dewar and Noelle Frazer, Diocesan President.

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St Luke's Wandal



Parish Social Curry night



Shaji with Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Jenny Roberts at CQU

In April, St Luke's parishioners were very sad to hear that Fr Shaji, Frida, Joshua and Jordana will be leaving the parish at the end of June.

Shaji has accepted the Archbishop of Brisbane's invitation to take up the posting to Eastern Hills Anglican at Camp Hill in

Brisbane.

A farewell to the family will take place at St Luke's on Sunday, 25th June at 8.30am Service. All are welcome to join us for this event. We wish them God's blessings as they move to Brisbane and we will miss them dearly.

Consequently we had to re-organise our Social Curry Night - one of the most successful annual events of our Parish since Shaji's arrival. It was, once again, a great occasion attracting the largest crowd within a very short notice and enjoyed by all. The guest speakers were Dr Shekhar Talekar, an Organ Donation Specialist, and parishioner Alan Larsen,

who spoke on Christian Mysticism, which left the audience with plenty to think about.

CQU University organised a farewell gathering for Shaji on May 9th at the Multi-faith Centre. Jenny Roberts, Deputy Vice Chancellor spoke on behalf of the University about Shaji's seven years of service at the University.

On Saturday, 3rd June we will be holding our annual Garage Sale, so are busy "de-cluttering" at our, family and friends houses. So come along and find your "treasures" at bargain prices!

Jan Nightingale

Parish of Springsure

A busy life at St Peter's even after Christmas and New Year have passed into history, thoughts turned to AGMs, Lent and Easter with big sporting events fitted somewhere in between. Owing to mainly wet weather, some folk away for personal reasons and unexpected events occurring to usual attendees, numbers were down a little at the AGM. However, the meeting moved on with all vacant executive positions being elected. On Good Friday, Easter, that timeless event in history, the Catholic, Anglicans and Christian Fellowship gathered at the Windmill Park to partake in prayers and hymns before following the cross, being carried by volunteers, up

the hill to St Peter's where we all gathered to share readings, prayers and more hymns. A general feeling of bewilderment was felt at what happened to Our Lord on that day. Morning tea was served in the hall where much fellowship was shared over tea or coffee plus delicious cakes and goodies of all kinds. Easter Day dawned on a beautiful sunrise to celebrate Christ Risen From The Dead with great Joy and Hope. He is Risen Indeed, ALLELUIA.

Looking further ahead All Saints' is organising Ecumenical Service in July.

An event that changed the course of history, Anzac Day, commemorating the

battle of Gallipoli 102 years ago and still fresh in the minds of many who lost loved ones on that tragic morn and for many months to follow.

Bible Study goes on regularly at Sharon and Leonard's home. Bishop Alf, now in charge of Emerald parish, kindly makes time to come and lead the study. He also hosts a Men's Breakfast at his home. From what I hear it is greatly enjoyed by those who attend.

Congratulations go to Anna and Matthew on the arrival of baby daughter Elsa. Joy all round but dad has yet to descend from the clouds while mum and grandma are returning from the moon.

Anne Travers



St Peter's Springsure



Safe Ministry Awareness Workshops

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

Workshops are for all church workers: Clergy, Parish Councillors, Wardens, Lay Ministers, Youth and Children's Leaders, Pastoral Carers, etc.

This course will cover:

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For more information and to register, contact:

**Diocesan Safe Ministry Training Officer:
Rev'd Jan Robinson (07) 49224562**

Please bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

No charge for individuals.



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



2017 Dates
Saturdays - 9.30am - 3.30pm

May 13: St Andrew's, Gracemere

August 26: St Andrew's, Longreach



Big Game Hunting - CWCI style.

Safaris can take on various forms and for CWCI it is a team of two or three women who drive or fly to rural and remote Australia for one to three weeks. They go to tell of Jesus and to encourage women of all denominations in their walk with God.

The month of June sees them in our Diocese in the western area flying from town to town. Events are planned for the central and eastern areas in July/August, this time they will be driving. Look out for the car with the CWCI insignia in your area, or contact Sue Witten re their program.

CWCI (Christian Women Communicating International) is an interdenominational, international women's

ministry which originated in Australia 60 years ago. It is also the umbrella organisation for KYB bible studies.

This school term two new KYB groups started in this Diocese at Theodore and Tieri. Those doing the studies were inspired and challenged. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah – the current study - has plenty to say about not only the past, but also Jesus time, today and the future. Many women have been blessed by the study and the associated fellowship.

Next term KYB looks at the Holy Spirit. You may like to join a group just for the nine weeks. There are 31 groups in the diocese.



Angela May

For more information contact Sue Witten
0447829594 or
rswitten@dodo.com.au



Sue Witten



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No child should suffer – support ABM's tax appeal

ABM's 2017 Tax Appeal supports the Child Nutrition project based at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

Parents and children are benefiting from this assistance in Beit Hanoun, a poor area of Gaza, near the Israeli border that was hit hard

in the 2014 bomb attacks. Since the attacks, ABM's partner, the Al Ahli Arab Hospital - a medical facility of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem - has continued to help children restore and maintain their health. The Child Nutrition Program

seeks to build health profiles for children and help families that are struggling to cope. Over the course of three months, children are given a medical assessment by an expert paediatrician and a program of nutritional
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A heart for your pocket

With the national media covering the recent cyclone and flood in our region, Rockhampton was brought to the attention of people far and wide. While residents in our city had plenty of warning and assistance to prepare for the water coming down our river, and even those in the cyclone affected areas had some time to prepare, there were areas that were not so fortunate. Some areas were inundated with never before seen flood levels, that travelled as a wall of water and rose metres in a very short period of time. This had a devastating impact on a small rural area in the northern part of our Diocese particularly.

A group of people in Victoria were particularly interested in showing support for anyone who may have been affected by these natural disasters.

Support doesn't necessarily need to come by way of money, and while these people were praying for victims they contacted us regarding a token of their support.

The people of St Thomas Anglican church and the Uniting Church craft group in Bunyip, Victoria sent a parcel of pocket hearts for us to distribute. Their idea is that these hearts will be distributed as we feel appropriate to people letting them know that they are in someone's thoughts and prayers.

We will be forwarding a small parcel of these to the people of the Clarke Creek area, letting them know that the pocket hearts come with thoughts and prayers of many. I'm sure that such a beautiful and heartfelt gesture will bring some comfort to people who have suffered loss, and



Bishop's PA, Barb Smith with the bag of donated hearts

been through and will be recovering from for a long time to come yet, a very trying event.

We will also be distributing some pocket hearts to all parishes so as they may gift them to people that are needing a little extra comfort in their lives, and help them remember that they are always in someone's thoughts and prayers.

Barb Smith, Bishop's PA

Dates for your Diary



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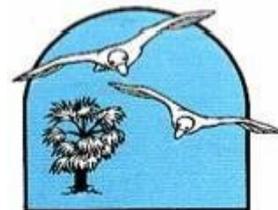
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7th – 10th August 2018.

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40 Year Celebrations of Tanyalla

Tanyalla

Saturday, 2nd September, 2017

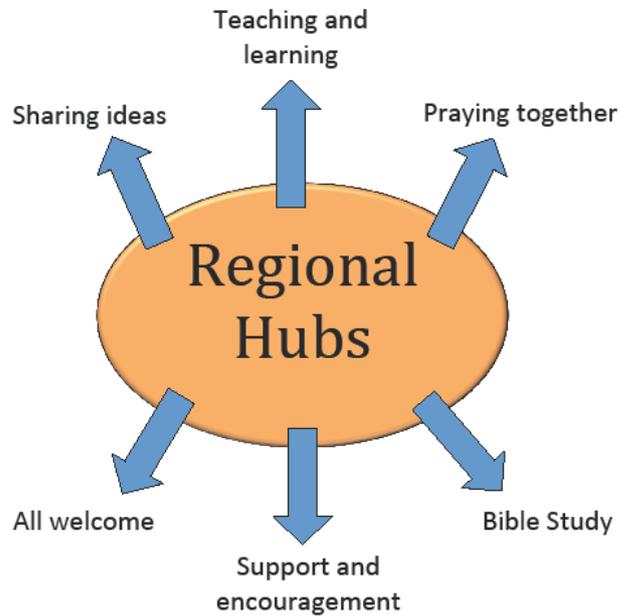


2017 Hub Dates

Emerald: May 6
 Barcaldine: May 27
 Biloela: June 3
 Rockhampton: June 10

Barcaldine: October 7
 Biloela: October 14
 Emerald: October 28
 Rockhampton: Nov 4

9.30am – 2.30 pm



Everyday Peacemaking

Come along to the PeaceWise Everyday Peacemaking training in Rockhampton!

Time and Date
 9am-3:30pm
 26th August 2017

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 St Luke's Anglican
 Church, 3 Rundle St,
 Wandal, QLD 4700

Tired of being buffeted by conflict around you? Wondering what God is doing when peace is absent? This first course will help you focus on what God is doing in your relationships and help you be someone who makes peace rather than fakes it or breaks it!

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- discover gracious ways to deal with difficult people
- have time to reflect upon your personal experience of conflict and peacemaking
- learn how you can begin supporting a building a culture of peace in your community/spheres of influence
- discover opportunities to glorify God, serve others and grow to be like Christ, even in the midst of conflict.

This level of training is suitable for all Christians as we work together to promote peacemaking in our own lives, families, workplaces, churches and communities.

Register online at <http://peacewise.org.au/events/everyday-peacemaking-rockhampton-churches/>



Boyne Baptism

On Saturday 25th March, two of our youngest church members, and brothers, were baptised in Wild Cattle Creek at Tannum Sands by Revd Beryl Anderson.

The boys, Caleb (13) and Noah Hodge (11) made the decision themselves to take this next step in their faith journey. Caleb said in his speech that he felt privileged to be able to make the decision himself and that he wanted to take the sacrament on his 13th birthday. Noah was very much looking forward to trying the bread and wine the

following day at church. Watching a young communicant take their first sip of port and shudder is always quite amusing.

The service was well attended by church family and many friends and neighbours who had not experienced a baptism like this one. Even a couple of escaped dogs joined in on the action much to the embarrassment of their owner. The ceremony was followed by a barbecue and birthday cake.

Fiona Hodge



Revd Beryl Anderson with Caleb and Noah Hodge

North Rockhampton Parish

Once again Easter has come and gone. Easter commenced with the usual Passover meal. The Parish was grateful to all the volunteers who prepared all the food, accustomed to the Jewish Passover. Reverend Narelle incorporated the traditional Jewish customs, provided for us in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament and with the new covenant Jesus gave to us at his last supper. At the completion of the meal, an opportunity was given to parishioners to wash one another's feet; and a shared Communion around the table. This would have been the same type of scenario

where Jesus shared the first Communion with his disciples. A watch commenced at the completion of the evening when the altar was stripped bare and it concluded at 10pm, due to security reasons. The Good Friday service was conducted with its usual haunting sensation during the reading of Christ's Passion; its call for thanksgiving and for the call for repentance of our sinful ways. At the Easter Day service, the Paschal candle was lit in thanksgiving for Christ's Resurrection and to celebrate the birth of the Christian movement around the world. The Diocesan GFS group

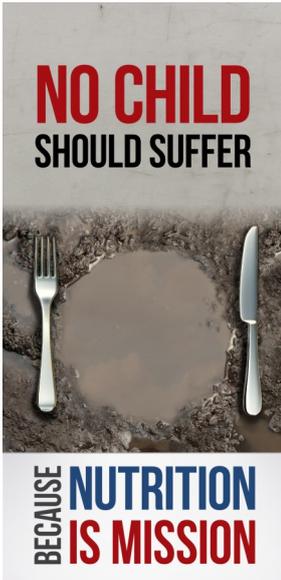
held their annual afternoon tea in the Parish hall. The theme of the afternoon was "the little buds of May", celebrating the role of mothers. The afternoon's entertainment consisted of tap dancing, a Saxophone solo, an international fashion parade of costumes from various countries and a visit by Her Majesty the Queen. The Diocese is very fortunate to have Mrs Val Gribble, the World President of GFS in their midst, who was in attendance at the afternoon tea and delivered a short speech.

Lawrie Fox

"Even a couple of escaped dogs joined in on the action"



St David's North Rockhampton



No child should suffer – support ABM’s tax appeal

(Continued from page 11) supplements is developed. The hospital provides the necessary supplements and monitors the children for signs of improvement. ABM’s Programs Director, Dr Julianne Stewart visited the Gaza Strip last year and met with some families that have been supported by the hospital, including three year old Abdullah and his mother, Hyat. Hyat is just 34 years old and has nine children under 18. Abdullah is the youngest and completed the program. Abdullah’s father is unemployed and struggles to feed his family. Hyat said, “Abdullah is doing well. I thank God he has improved. We give him his vitamins, enhanced milk, and food parcels from the

Ahli. He is 12kg now.” Staff members at the program told Dr Julianne Stewart that being underweight shouldn’t be the only criterion for entering the program. Many children are anaemic, since the most common meal for poor women and children is bread and tea. It is clear there are complex needs on the Gaza Strip. Julianne said, “All families are grateful for the program. Many mothers were shy when speaking to me, but their concern or happiness comes across in their facial expressions and gestures. One mother, Tahreer, said her two year old boy had improved a little after completing the program. She would like him to go for a second

round of treatment so that he could continue to improve. I felt privileged to meet these families, and was touched by their kindness and determination in the midst of such hardships. The importance of this Child Nutrition program, not only for the vital supplements it provides to needy children, but also in the support given to mothers in health education, cannot be under-estimated. It is indeed expressing the love of Christ to those who need it the most,” Julianne said. Please consider a tax-deductible gift before June 30 so children on the Gaza Strip can continue to receive quality care and nutrition support.



Abdullah in green top - graduate of the Ahli program with his large family and 2 social workers



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