



The Gazette



Back row: Rev Tim Mannix, Rev Luke Collings, Rev Russell Cunningham
 Front row: Rev Susan Liersch and Rev Nathan Dean

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Celebrating a new beginning!

The Anglican Church in Central Queensland launched into a new era on Saturday December 2nd, with the ordination of the next generation of Priests and Deacons.

Nathan Dean, Luke Collings, Russell Cunningham, Susan Liersch and Tim Mannix, are a breath of fresh air for a new beginning in the church. Each brings vitality to ministry that has been influenced by their past lives in the

work force: Nathan from an IT background, Luke working for Social Services, Russell in general labouring and business, Susan in Occupational Therapy specialising in mental health and Tim as an Army Rifleman.

Their diversity is particularly encouraging, for it reminds us that Jesus Christ calls people from all walks of life and all age groups to serve in a variety of ways.

This occasion is also a new beginning for each of the ordinands, after many years of training in theology and ministry, each has had to complete a range of Safe Ministry checks and training prior to taking up their new post. Nathan will be the Priest in-Charge of the Special Ministry District of Gracemere. Luke will be the Priest in-Charge of the Bush Church Aid sponsored Parish of Moranbah. Russell will

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The Bishop's Musings



"We speak of religious tolerance, of tolerating different opinions"



Dear Friends,
 Christmas – ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased’. I can’t help but wonder, as I look at the world around us, is God displeased?

There are wars and rumours of wars as international relations grow increasingly tense. The refugee crisis worsens by the day as more and more people are caught up in situations over which they have no control and are forced to flee their homes. Making matters worse, is the increasingly self-protective and hardline approach toward those who have no place to call home.

In Australia we appear to be lurching from one political crisis to the next, with many people expressing disappointment and frustration with their elected representatives.

In a few weeks, there will be a significant change to the Marriage Act, allowing for the marriage of same sex couples. At times, this debate has revealed a disturbing side of Australian society with people from both extremes showing a complete lack of respect for others. One Facebook comment I read, spoke of how we “now know 5 million people hate LGBTI people”. Well yes, roughly this number voted no, but to suggest that these people hate

the LGBTI community is a gross exaggeration and inflammatory. Just another symptom of the disintegration of respect for others that is infecting our society.

This leads me to question what is happening in our society? What is it about our society that is creating increased levels of conflict and a stubborn refusal to listen to the other point of view? Why can’t we accept difference?

The first point I want to make is that there is a confusion between tolerance and acceptance. We speak of religious tolerance, of tolerating different opinions. In essence, what we are saying is that we will put up with difference. We don’t accept another person’s right to hold a different point of view, we put up with it. This allows us to feel pleased with ourselves without ever dealing with the real issue of accepting another human being. We tolerate different opinions, we tolerate refugees in our midst, we tolerate different beliefs, and I should note here, there are limits around how much we will tolerate. The difficulty with tolerance is that we don’t come to the point of truly accepting the other person, we only put up with them.

It is important to note

that acceptance of the other person, does not mean we have to agree with them, or even approve of what they do. It is about recognising the inherent value of the other.

Which leads to my second point, every human being is of great and infinite value to the God who creates them, every human being displays some aspect of the divine image. A Christian understanding of humanity recognises that every human being bears some aspect of the image and likeness of God. We teach that Jesus died on the cross so that every human being across all space and time can enter into a relationship with God. We may not agree with other people, about many things, but we cannot say that we will not love and respect them as people made in the image of God.

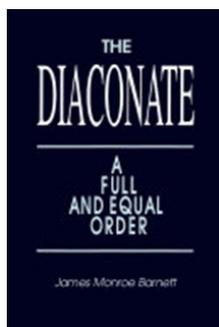
The incarnation serves as a concrete reminder to us all of God’s presence in our midst calling us to live Christ-like lives. It provides the model and the encouragement to change our world, We can do it, one person at a time, in the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit. God is not displeased; disappointed perhaps that 2000 years after the resurrection of his Son we still haven’t

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What is a deacon

Of the recently ordained Deacons in our Diocese, two have been ordained to the permanent or vocational diaconate.

In order to help people better understand what this means, the following books might help.



This book is a highly readable, comprehensive study that has established itself as the definitive work on the diaconate. Drawing upon original sources, the book provides valuable insights into the

development of the office of the deacon in the early church and situates it within the context of the church's total ministry. Dr. Barnett contends that a radical change in the nature and understanding of the church's ministry took place in the fourth century. A ministry that had included the whole people of God in a horizontal, organic structure gave way to one that was clerical and hierarchical. This change, among other factors, eventually transformed the diaconate into an inconsequential, transitional office on the way to the priesthood. Responding to the present-day revival of the diaconate in the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and other churches, Barnett calls

for a restoration of the office to its original place as full and equal order, thus re-creating the great symbol of the servant ministry that Christ gave to all the church. James Monroe Barnett, now living in retirement in Omaha, is the former rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Norfolk, NE.



In very practical and helpful terms, Rosalind Brown explores what it means to be a deacon in today's church. All too often the time spent as a

deacon is seen simply as the prelude to priestly ordination. Yet the Bible defines three orders of ministry - deacon, priest, and bishop - each with its own distinctive characteristics and responsibilities. In *Being A Deacon Today*, Brown explores the three places where deacons minister (the church, the world, and at the margins), the three strands of their ministry (in liturgy, in pastoral care, and as catechists), and the three actions of their ministry (praying, loving, and remembering). This book, excellent for classroom use and for transitional and permanent deacons, will restore a fuller understanding of the diaconal ministry and nurture deacons in their work and spiritual life.

Celebrating a new beginning! *[continued]*

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continue as Chaplain to the Gladstone Mission to Seafarers. Susan is the Chaplain to the Longreach High School part time and will be assisting her husband Graeme in the Western Region Mission District. Tim will work as a transitional Deacon in the Parish of Kaleen Giralang, in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, as he

prepares to serve as a Defence Force Chaplain with the Australian Air Force.

With each new beginning we need to be reminded of the challenges and obligations that come with a call to ministry, while not forgetting who we really are, servants of the risen Christ.

The Very Reverend Lindsay Howie, Dean of St Paul's, in giving the occasional address, encouraged each of the

ordinands in their faith walk and the need to serve well. All were reminded that true humility is found in the 'Nature of Christ' and the virtue of humility is essential to ministry. As such, for clergy, it is a noble choice to give up their status for the good of others. In addition, clergy need to pledge faithfulness, and through ability, authority and

persuasion, seek to bring out the best in others. They are also called to energise and create momentum in ministry.

There was a reminder that rulership and leadership are not the same thing, with true leadership coming through an attitude of servitude. With ordination comes authority, but the

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St Luke's Wandal



'Finding God in Nature' on Mt Archer

To celebrate two years of Messy Church at St Luke's there was a great gathering at the top of Mt Archer on Sunday 5 November. The theme of the day was "Finding God in Nature". A short bush walk, games, barbeque lunch and a specially prepared cake for the occasion was enjoyed by all those attending.

Two days later we welcomed 60 people to St Luke's hall to join in "The Race that Stops the Nation". A great time was had by all with sweeps, fashions in the field (winners being Norma Frisch and Fr Shaji), competitions and a delicious lunch prepared by the "willing workers".

Friday 24 November was The Hall School and St

Luke's Christmas Fair, . This included performances by the school's Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Band and, of course, Carols. There were a variety of stalls, including food and drinks. This is an annual event which has been held for a few years now, and is always a lovely family night.

Jan Nightingale



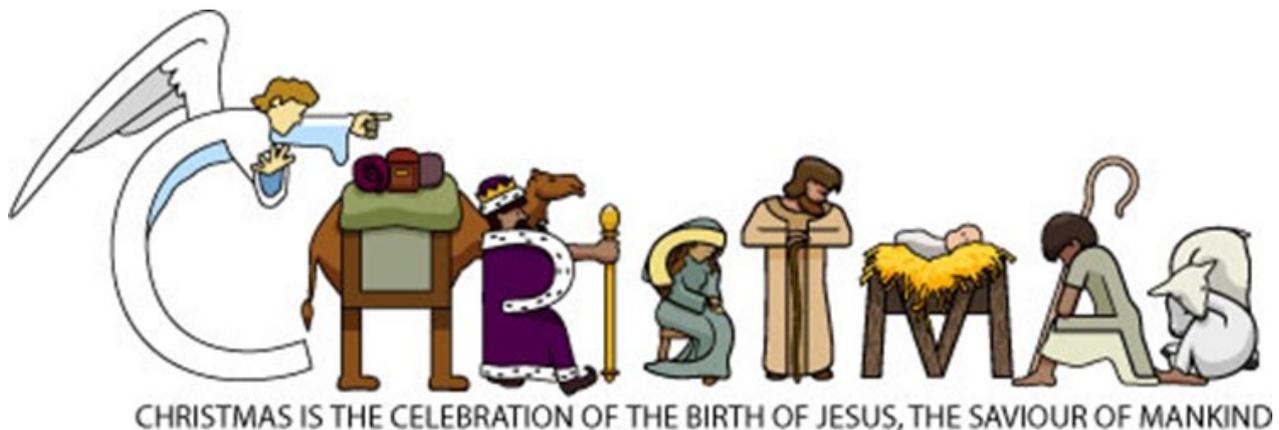
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learned to love the way he desires.
As we celebrate this Christmas can we open our hearts and minds to hear again the message of love and peace? Can

we proclaim, by word and deed, the message of peace and joy, asking God to fill the hearts of all people with joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy

Spirit. (Rom 15:15).
Jan and I wish you all a wonderful peace filled and joyous Christmas.

+ David



Two decades of care

Every child is just one caring adult away from being a success story... and for one of Anglicare Central Queensland's foster carer's, Nita Waugh, her integral role within the lives of vulnerable children and young people has been recognised.

For twenty years, Rockhampton local Nita has been providing a safe, nurturing environment, opening her home and heart in a bid to make an incredible difference in the life of our region's youngest residents.

Back in 1997, Nita was approached by a friend who worked in the disability sector asking her to consider becoming a foster carer.

After having eight children of her own, and sadly losing a 19 year old

son in 1983 to cancer, Nita made the decision to expand her heart and mind a little further.

After careful consideration and discussions with her family, Nita started on her journey of challenge and reward and has never looked back.

"Seeing the children in my care grow into young adults and live a positive and healthy life makes my heart extremely full," shared Nita.

"I have been fortunate to stay in touch with many of the children I have cared for and have even been invited to weddings and other special occasions, and often receive phone calls and visits."

But not every day was easy, even for an experienced Carer.

"Some of the children in

my care had negative and destructive behaviours which I have tried to forget over the years."

"The hurt and anger within them sometimes exploded and it was my role to remain strong and work with them to develop strategies to ease their pain," said Nita.

"Sometimes all they needed was a warm hug and affirmation that they were loved, safe and secure."

These days, between taking time out mastering crosswords and sudoku, Nita reflects on her last two decades.

"Fostering is something that I would do again and again if I had my time over and, given the chance, I would start much earlier in my life."

"Through this role, I was able to allow my passion



Nita Waugh

to become my purpose and I would encourage anyone considering opening their homes to our local youths, to do so."

Protecting children is everybody's business and Anglicare Central Queensland is committed to keeping our local kids safe. We believe that every child deserves a safe environment where they can grow and thrive.

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.



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."*

Parish of North Rockhampton



Australian Church Women Inc.

The parish held its annual cent sale at St Mary's Hall. Both businesses in Rockhampton and parish parishioners generously donated of prizes. There were lots of nice goodies for the afternoon teas, such as cakes made by the clever cooks in the parish. The profit made was \$3500. The Australian Church

Women held their Fellowship and Least Coin service at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Different denominations donate to the Least Coin and it is presented at this service. Rev Jan Robinson was the guest speaker. The Caritas group had their final meeting at the end of November in the form of a luncheon. At

the last meeting they donated money taken at the Bring and Buy to various organisations.

We hope that all parishioners in the Diocese have a happy and blessed Christmas with family and friends. We hope 2018 will be year filled with happiness and contentment for everyone.

Lawrie Fox

Small movement – BIG impact



Samantha Sanderson with donated items

Over the past twelve months, the parishioners of St Paul's Cathedral and St David's in North Rockhampton have been

collecting non-perishable food items in order to support people in our local community who are presenting to Anglicare

Central Queensland with no food.

No person deserves to go to bed hungry and the Anglican community has been purchasing one additional food item when shopping so that more food will be available for those experiencing hard times.

The Anglicare team work with those in need in order to distribute

the food and ensure that the donations are widely spread amongst those who need it most.

Hunger is not something you can see. However, there are many families in our region that go without a meal everyday.

Thank you to the Anglican parishioners who help alleviate this hunger.

Thank you for your donations!

St Luke's Emerald

Our new Priest in Charge, Rev Jen Hercott, has arrived and is finding her way around Emerald.

Preparation for Christmas is being undertaken with the focus being on the theme of "Love Came Down". A family Christmas service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6pm and the

traditional service will be at 11pm.

The Christmas Day service will be at the usual time of 9am.

A Parish end of year lunch will be held in December to celebrate successes and to give thanks to all those who have contributed during the year.

Work is underway on

developing a vision for the next few years and we are excited about where God is leading this Parish.

We are proud to announce that two of our parishioners and local legends, Terry (Ted) Peters and eleven year old Lawson Swain, have been named as baton bearers to carry the Queen's Baton with pride through our district.

Congratulations to you both.

After another successful Spring Fair our people are looking forward to the next major community event, our Annual Garden Party, late in April 2018.

Gwen and Christine

Anglican Mothers' Union Australia

To celebrate 125 years of Mothers' Union in Australia, a national conference was held in mid-September in Launceston, close to Cullenswood where the first branch formed. More than 250 attended this amazing celebration. Lynne Tembey, the Worldwide President, was the chief speaker. She is a warm, humble and inspiring lady, passionate about her faith and how Mothers' Union is making such a difference to so many lives throughout the world.

Rev Kate Beer outlined

how vital Northern Outreach Funds are in the Northern Territory in Pastoral Care, Professional Development for indigenous clergy, Domestic Violence training for clergy and leaders, and Safe Ministry. In North Queensland, funds are used to enable Executive leaders to train leaders in the Torres Straits and isolated communities. North West Australia benefitted from funding the biennial "Fellow Workers" Conference. There is also a special fund for Training Indigenous women.

During the Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence from 25 November (International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day), Mothers' Union will hold a free Sausage Sizzle in Victoria Park. The Vigil this year is at St Paul's Cathedral Hall on 10 December at 4pm, led by Bishop David. Come and help us Break the silence, Lift the Shame, and Shift the Blame of gender-based violence.

Noelle Fraser



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Parish of Clermont

Don't ignore the signs: Christmas is coming. As the year draws to its gentle close it may behove us all to begin our preparations for the festive season and lo, its merriment.

Yes, yes, I do realise I am sounding like a woman in a Dickensian novel, but the fact is I am trying to ease myself into a topic which, if not handled correctly and with the right sort of reassuring touch, may induce a sort of mass panic.

Oh yes, the signs are all there, people, and we ignore them at our peril: The chocolate-almond jars with the red ribbon, wrapping paper appearing beside the check-outs, butchers reminding us to order

hams, turkeys etc. I've seen them, you've seen them - all the signs that the end of year is creeping up on us. (I paraphrase Francis Whiting - thanks, got to love her!)

I missed the last Gazette deadline. NOT THIS TIME!

The months have gone so quickly since Rev Anne and Noel arrived in April, so great to have a resident Minister.

Saturday 2 September we held our yearly Springtime Afternoon Tea and Cent Sale - always a winner. Who doesn't love a Cent Sale.

Early October we had a quick passing visit from Bishop David and David Rees

Our November Wednesday service celebrating All Saints Day was held at Monash Lodge to involve the aged residents. This was a lovely service followed by morning tea. Then on Sunday November 5, after Church, we had a celebration brunch in the Church Hall to involve those who were not available on All Saints Day. Both were great fellowship gatherings.

Church Services for Christmas and the early New Year have been organized.

By the time this goes to print I will have made the Christmas cake and Plum Pudding "Yum". Enough of the above, let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Once in Royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her
Baby

In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that Mother
mild,

Jesus Christ her little
child.

"Jesus is the reason for
the season"

A Happy Holy Christmas
from All Saints Clermont

Sandra Strohfeldt



St Michael's & All Angels Tambo Celebrate 65 Years

On Sunday 22 October the crisp and cool air after recent storms was a welcome relief. For much of the previous week there had been a flurry of activity at St Michael's Tambo, as we prepared to celebrate 65 years of service since our church was dedicated and consecrated as a place of worship on 19 October 1952 by Bishop James of Rockhampton.

Rev Beth O'Neill conducted the service, in attendance a small but enthusiastic congregation. Pictures of the church under construction were on display. The silver chalice used at the opening service in 1952 is still being used today, as are many memorial gifts donated by families over the years. We sang an original hymn and fond memories of Sunday School, First Communion, Flower Shows, Deb Balls, dress codes (gloves) and old friends of St Michael's

were shared.

Rev Beth gave thanks for the dedicated works of the volunteers and ministry teams over the years, and a memorial candle was lit for friends who are no longer with us. Afterwards a scrumptious morning tea was shared in the hall and Father Bill joined us after his Catholic service.

We, the congregation of St Michael's, would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Beth and our 'Rent a Crowd' friends from Holy Trinity in Blackall for all their support, encouragement and friendship. Also, the many locals and ex-Tamboites, who have offered support and donations over the years.

Rev Beth's History presentation:

Earliest Anglican records BTR 1883-1890.

First Wedding: Miss Margaret Bell and Mr Lachie Tindall of Macfarlane Downs.

First Christenings: Doug



Original Debutants 1959

Volk son of Mary and Louis Volk. Charles McLeod son of Gloria and Rob McLeod.

The Trifecta Awards:

Lesley Peacock (Ogden) and Valmai Bellerby (Russell) attended the opening of St Michael's in 1952, the Deb Ball July 1959 and the 65th Celebrations in 2017. Well done girls.

There have been three St Michael's & All Angels churches in the Rockhampton Diocese.

1. St Michael's of Duinga (1905-2015) blown off its stumps by windstorm.

2. First St Michael's Tambo on the corner of Edward and Mitchell St Tambo (Hostel site) (1912-1938) hit by cyclonic winds.

3. St Michael's Arthur St Tambo fundraising for new church commenced 1938. By 1951/52 with the help of The Princess competition and other projects, the new church was constructed by Mr

Ron Volk and workers and was able to be consecrated the same year as it was fully paid for. We hope to continue to withstand the storms...

Marg Tindale



65 years later

St Andrews Gracemere



Singing up a storm as St Andrews Messy Church

The word is getting out that St Andrew's Messy Church held once a month on the 4th Sunday at 4.30pm is fun.

Our participation numbers have been steadily increasing. Proof of the pudding is in the eating and our last meal shared was shepherd's pie after working through the theme of 'We are all sheep gone astray; each of us has turned to his own way.' from Isaiah 53:6.

After a participation in two craft activities of biscuit decorating and cotton wool pom pom sheep, songs to lift the spirits, 'My God is a great

Big God' and 'Baa Baa do Baa Baa', and a story we headed off to dine on shepherd's pie while the sheep were rounded up and corralled waiting for the participating shepherds to take them home.



Decorated biscuits

Celebrating a new beginning! *[continued]*



Ordination of a priest by the laying on of hands

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authority given is only effective if legitimised by the people of God, and they will only do this if they are led well.

Authority, leadership, humility, persuasion, and faithfulness are only part of the role of a Christian worker; they are also called to be name droppers of Christ, just as St Andrew was. We are called to evangelise using the model of St Andrew; i.e. **find a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Jesus.**

There is a need to remember that we are but a little cog in the kingdom of God, and as such there will be times when we will feel helpless. It is times like this that the ordinands were reminded of the

need to turn to Christ and do as the Cornish fishermen would do in a storm, cross themselves with the Cross of St Andrew and say a quick prayer.

Dean Lindsay concluded with the charge: Strengthened, confirmed and empowered in humility do the work as name droppers of Jesus Christ.

The ordinations, celebration and challenge are all good news for the Anglican Church in Central Queensland, and as good news it reminds us of Jesus Christ, what he has done for us and the very reason the church exists today. It exists to bring glory to God and share the good news of Jesus Christ's saving grace, so that we can have a relationship

with him for all eternity, and build each other up in this faith. Luke, Nathan, Russell, Susan and Tim are all part of Christ's cause to bring all to him who would have him.

What then can we, as witnesses and readers of this new beginning, learn from this occasion?

Firstly, the church is not dead, and neither is Christ; from the ashes of the past a new beginning rises, and the church of God continues as he calls and inspires people for works of service in his church.

Secondly, God through the power of the Holy Spirit, can and will call people from different

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St Peter's Springsure

As time marches on, let us stop and reflect on happenings during the past busy months. September, the parish was honoured to host a renowned harpist, Christine Middleton and her husband, all the way from Victoria. I felt quite humbled that a famous celebrity had come from Melbourne to give a recital in Springsure, a town far from home. What a privilege to meet her and attend her performance at St Peter's. Her husband is a well-known bush poet and he performed at the tourist attraction, The Rainworth Fort. Christine also made time to stage a special concert at the local school. It was very much appreciated.

Next came the Flower Show. What an extravagant display of flowers, all so beautiful, plus pot plants, stalls of all kinds, a display

themed "From Grannies Kitchen to Mine"; how things have changed. Then there was the cake stall with all the wonderful varieties of cakes, jams, vegies, the list goes on. Outdoors there were activities for the children, games and pony rides which they all seemed to enjoy. A day etched in the memory of all.

With sadness we learned of the death of Rev Ken Rearden, husband of Cleone Rolfe. Cleone was a much loved member of our Parish. She was greatly missed by us all when she left with her family to live in Caloundra and then Toowoomba, where she now abides.

Condolences also go to the Nixon family at the death of Bill. He simply could not stop helping those in need. Rest in peace Bill.

Bible Study, led by

Bishop Alf, held in the home of charming hosts Leonard and Sharon Rodda, is always a learning experience. One comes away with a deeper understanding of how to live life as taught by Our Lord.

Recently, the local ambulance celebrated 90 years of duty in Springsure. There were lots of stalls representing various organisations including one from St Peter's. The history of past superintendents, all of whom made outstanding contributions to the welfare of the district, and volumes of past records made interesting reading.

All Saints Rolleston celebrated their patronal festival with great joy on Sunday 12 November.

The Carols and Christmas Tree Festival is coming up. It is always a joy to look forward to.

Anne Travers



St Peter's Springsure

Stoles from ABM

What an extraordinary time for five ordinations! With the change of two seasons – Spring to Summer and Ordinary Sunday's to Advent, and on the Feast of St Andrew who left mending his nets to follow Jesus' call. It was wonderful, as one of the two diocesan ABM representatives, to present, on behalf of us all, a special stole to each of those ordained in

celebration of a day like no other.

The Stoles were sourced from the "Easter Weaving Room", in the Philippines. Each of the stoles were hand woven in the ancient tradition of this art. The "Easter Weaving Room" had its beginnings in the Easter School, which was founded by missionaries in 1906. Children would be transported hundreds of kilometres to attend

this school. The girls brought with them their weaving skills, and Missionary, Deaconess Hargreaves, was determined that the beautiful traditional art of weaving would not be lost. Hence, today, the Easter Weaving Room has many quality, hand woven products for sale.

www.easterweaving.com/

The Rev Delfina Trail



Boyne River Parish



Cathy McNeilly, Jane Wilson, Ian McNeilly and Dianne Davey

The Ladies' Guild at St Mark's, Boyne Island hosted a memorable Melbourne Cup "High Tea" on Tuesday 7 November. A lot of arduous work by the Guild members and other parishioners ensured that all the seventy-five guests enjoyed a gastronomically enriched afternoon of fun and fellowship. Before the televising of the big race at 3:00pm, they were treated

to a special and highly entertaining fashion parade, in which four parish women – Jane Wilson, Dianne Davey, Cathy McNeilly and Siska Berthelsen – modelled a variety of clothes and accessories sourced entirely from the St Mark's Ladies' Guild Bargain Shop. This was the first time St Mark's has hosted such a large-scale fund-raising

function of this type and Reverend Beryl Andersen has suggested that its enormous success assures that it may become an annual event for the Parish. Thank you to guest Michelle Pearce of Boyne Island for taking the time to photograph the event.

Ian McNeilly



Vale: Isla Muirhead (nee Christmas)



Isla and Val Muirhead on their wedding day Easter 1950

Isla died towards the end of last year in Springsure. She was 86 years of age.

Isla was born in Springsure and lived all her life in the Central Queensland area. She was the first child of Gwen and Tom Christmas of 'Shadeville', Springsure. Isla was the grandchild of two pioneering families (Christmas and Marshall) who took up land more than a century ago, in the Springsure area. She truly was a "local".

Isla was born into a Christian family and her faith remained with her

for her whole life. In her teenage years she attended St Faith's Anglican Boarding School in Yeppoon. In her adulthood, she was a member of the Parish Council and some years later she became the Priest's Warden at St Peter's, Springsure, a position she held for many, many years.

Isla was an active member of Women's Guild and she helped at many other Church activities, like serving meals when the St Peter's ladies catered at the Springsure Show each year.

Many people would say she "gave" to the community and her church in an unassuming quiet way, never giving up on what she believed in.

Her two sons still live in Springsure while her three daughters moved away many years ago. Isla's husband, Valentine, died almost three decades ago.

Isla once said that her message to people was "to keep on keeping on".

Vale, Isla, Rest in Peace.

*Written by Gwen Siddens
(Isla's daughter)*

Keppel Parish

During the September school holidays, twenty-six excited children experienced A Thrilling Ride with Jesus when they participated in five mornings of fun and learning about Jesus at the SON WORLD ADVENTURE PARK Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St James The Fisherman. Months of preparation under the leadership of Colleen Dettrick and her team saw the church turned into an Adventure Theme Park with imaginative craft made in the Wild West room, games played by Doubloon Lagoon on Pirate Island, Bible stories being told in the Galactic Zone, tasty snacks eaten in Flora Rose's Castle Carousel snack centre and songs and dance routines happily practiced in Celebration Square. At assembly each morning in Celebration Square, Pirate Blackbird (Stephen Bird) rallied the children to the day's Bible verse and theme for the day. After prayer by Reverend

Dr David Pettett, the children in their age groups rotated through all activities. The team welcomed ten teenagers who were past graduates of VBS as helpers and wonderful examples to the younger children. Bishop David and Jan joined the team, parents and children in the final assembly with presentation of certificates and then a BBQ to celebrate a great week.

A family came from Mackay to stay with grandparents so they could attend. VBS songs were sung all the way home.

Lyn Ganter hosted a luncheon for the Mother's Union break up on November 17 at her home.

The Yeppoon Choral Society is presenting two afternoons of song at their Christmas Concert at St James on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November. All were welcomed. Afternoon tea was served by the St



James' ladies for a gold coin donation. All proceeds to go to a chosen charity.

On the 26 November, Christ the King Patronal Festival was celebrated at Christ Church, Emu Park.

It is wonderful to see so many small groups (eight or more) throughout the parish meeting to study the Bible. Rev David is leading a group each Tuesday afternoon, giving a greater understanding to the week's Gospel reading of St Matthew.

Can you imagine a room filled with 100 Christmas Trees? That is the goal for the Community Christmas Tree Festival being held at the Yeppoon Town Hall on Friday 8 December from 4.00 to 8.00pm. As well as Nativity Displays, Christmas themed stalls, raffles and great entertainment, this evening is a great way to raise the true spirit of Christmas in our community. Light meals,

a sausage sizzle, Christmas puddings, desserts, sweets and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening. Many businesses, schools and groups are busy decorating their trees in very imaginative ways. It has proved a very popular event in past years so the Keppel Anglican Parish is working to make this year's Festival bigger and better. Everyone is welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation. Children are free.

Marzley Baldwin



More than just a Bible Study to acquire personal knowledge or become an 'in' group



Tom and Tim with some tools

Monday morning KYB studies have been going for about six years at St Gabriel's Biloela. Out of their studies and fellowship the women decided it would be good to spend a concentrated block of time to search the scriptures more deeply and to pray together. Over the past four years a retreat day has developed which is open to all women.

The Tuesday men's Bible Study group at Biloela has also been meeting over the same period of time; from their studies and fellowship a desire to reach out to other is developing.

So in September Sandy and Mark Evans (ex Moranbah) were invited to the Parish of Callide Valley. Sandy to lead the women's retreat and Mark to speak at a men's breakfast.

The theme for the women's event was 'The Gospel'. Sandy had us flicking backwards and forwards from Old Testament to New Testament to the present day. She had us defining our 'in language'. Words like gospel/Gospel, Bible, scripture, salvation and Christian to name a few. We had a quick look at the Gospel writers and what is the good news they are speaking of? If

it is good news are we going to accept it? If we accept it, what are we going to do about it? Are we willing and able to pass it on not only in actions but also in words? Sandy encouraged us to continue God's story by telling simply of His love, our sin, Jesus' death and resurrection, forgiveness and what it means to have Jesus as our Lord and how to verbalise that relationship. Sandy had us all have a practise at it.

Mark, an ex-forester, talked to the men about tools, using his journey with God as an example. He spoke of acquiring, choosing, collecting and paying for tools. He likened the men as tools of God. He spoke of the tools at their disposal to be effective Christians. Mark warned of the problem of being or using the wrong tools and the difference it makes of being the right tool for God.

Both groups were challenged and encouraged and left prayerfully with a deepening of faith and an increased desire to share God's good news in both action and words.

Thanks Mark and Sandy for being willing to share, teach and pray with the people of the Parish of Callide Valley.

Yes, plans are under way for next year.

Although the women's retreat is not a strictly KYB event it grew out of a KYB study group.

First term 2018 KYB is looking at Genesis 1-11. You may like to join a group just for the nine weeks.

There are 33 groups throughout the diocese. Or you can start a group of your own.

For more information contact Sue Witten on 0447 829 594 or rswitten@dodo.com.au



Marg, Mark, Sandy and Bob



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- B - Be**
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- F - Faithful**
- R - Resourceful**
- I - Inclusive**
- E - Enduring**
- N - Nurturing**
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2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lay Retreat (Gladstone)	9-11 February
Synod in Emerald	18-20 May
Clergy Retreat (Emerald)	20-22 May
Clergy Conference (Bris)	30 Aug - 2 Sept
Lay Retreat (Emu Park)	5-7 October

Pre-synod meetings

Rockhampton	17 February
Emerald	3 March
Biloela	7 April
Barcaldine	28 April

Hub Meetings

Emerald	2 June
Biloela	9 June
Rockhampton	15 June
Barcaldine	23 June
Biloela	15 September
Emerald	29 September
Rockhampton	13 October
Barcaldine	20 October

Safe Ministry

Gladstone	10 February
Keppel	17 February



Erin and Deb

Your best life

Erin began her journey with Anglicare Central Queensland in 2004, lighting up the lives of everyone she interacted with. Fast forward 13 years later, Erin still never fails to bring a smile to those she meets, especially her support worker, Deb.

Erin is a young woman with Down Syndrome, Autism, Bipolar and Anxiety Disorder, and currently lives with her Mum and Dad – Helena and Rob on their hay farm just outside Moura in Central Queensland.

As the youngest of six children, Erin grew up in a house full of love and care, ensuring that her abilities were always much stronger than her disabilities. Deb, who also joined Anglicare Central Queensland in 2004, found that it was Erin and her family who shone a light during a dark time for her and her

family and remains forever thankful.

“I have been very fortunate to walk alongside Erin and work with her to make the best of her life,” shared Deb.

“If I help one person in this life, my job is done.” With no public transport or taxi service in Moura, Erin relies on her support network, including Anglicare Central Queensland to get her places so that she can continue being a part of her local community.

This includes being able to travel to other towns such as Biloela and Rockhampton so that she can participate in various activities and spend time with others. When it comes time to move from Moura, which is the family’s current plan, Helena and Rob are hoping that the NDIS will help them with that transition for Erin.

“We are not getting any

younger and are hoping the NDIS will help us to put in place the best support network for our daughter so she can continue to thrive through her support with Anglicare Central Queensland,” said Helena.

“We would like to know that everything is in place for when we are no longer here to look after Erin and she can live as independently as possible with her supports walking alongside her.”

Due to Erin’s high needs she won’t be able to live by herself, but she can still be given the opportunities that allow her to make choices for herself, be able to express her likes and dislikes, and be connected and involved in what she wants so that she can live her best life.

“If I help one person in this life, my job is done.”

Celebrating a new beginning! *[continued]*

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walks of life and different age groups with no discrimination.

Thirdly, if he calls you, respond; just as Andrew, Peter, James, John, the other disciples and Luke, Nathan, Russell, Susan and Tim have done. Mind you when he calls, you will know, and a genuine call is not ambitious desire.

Fourthly, be a name

dropper of Christ, so that the Kingdom of God will be built up for His glory.

Fifthly, we are but small cogs in the Kingdom of God and as such when the going gets tough, turn to Jesus Christ in prayer.

The Church is moving into a new beginning. Just as ordination is a new beginning for Luke, Nathan, Russell, Susan and Tim, it is also a new beginning for all of us,

and it is all part of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please uphold the church and the new Priests and Deacons in your prayers

as they venture out to serve the people in their care.

*Rev Capt Graeme Liersch
Mission Facilitator and
Trainer Central West Qld*





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Tanyalla Reflections

Our time at Tanyalla is fast approaching its conclusion and after ten years of our Ministry here I feel I must put down some words of reflection.

At the time of taking on our Ministry at Tanyalla Jenny was part of the MLT (Ministry Leadership Team) in the Gladstone Parish. She, particularly, felt a calling to take on the role of voluntary caretaker/manager. Jenny soon realised that running Tanyalla and being part of the MLT wasn't working so she relinquished her paid Ministry role at the Parish to be full time at Tanyalla. I had been a board member for a number of years and resigned to take on being the other member of the team at Tanyalla. So we moved from our very comfortable home in Gladstone where we had raised our family for 20 years and moved to Tanyalla. With the help of Jenny's Dad, Ray Hall and friends we were able to make the residence hospitable and moved in after spending the first few months living in the Tanyalla flat. At the time of moving to Tanyalla it was in dire straits both financially and physically with threats from the Diocese to close it down because it was running at a loss. Within 12 months this was turned around and with bookings increasing, money was now available to make improvements and undertake much needed maintenance.

During the first five years I still worked full time in my role with the Regional Council, so undertook my Ministry at Tanyalla after hours, on

weekends and on my RDOs. This took its toll both on me and Jenny so I took early retirement in 2012 to undertake full time voluntary Ministry at Tanyalla. This gave Jenny more relief with the day to day chores and I completed some outstanding projects I had been wanting to do around the centre.

For me it has been a real labour of love undertaking not just the ongoing maintenance but the renovating of the complex to ensure its continued use and service to the community. I am sure when Jenny recovers from her aches and pains from constantly cleaning up after users she will also agree it has been a labour of love.

We have met many wonderful people and groups and made life-long friends through our Ministry at Tanyalla. It is a unique and special place in God's creation and many of those groups that have used Tanyalla over the years have said what a beautiful and peaceful place it is. The wild life is many and varied and its position beside the ocean with access to walkways and wetlands adds to this uniqueness.

We have also been privileged to have worked with many people completing Community Service Orders, providing useful and fulfilling roles and at the same time undertaking many worthwhile projects that might not

otherwise have been possible. Jenny particularly has ministered to many of these young people over the years mentoring and listening and providing advice when asked and demonstrating the positive side of life not necessarily preaching the gospel but certainly showing the gospel in her example of service to God.

We will leave with many treasured memories of our Ministry at Tanyalla. Whilst we may have sacrificed a substantial amount of income to undertake this Ministry our lives have been enriched far greater than any amount of money could ever have achieved in our service to our Lord Jesus Christ here at Tanyalla.

So it is with some sadness and a little trepidation but also with excitement and faith we leave Tanyalla and move into the next phase of our faith journey. Our motorhome awaits.

David Wilson

