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ALL SAINTS' MT LARCOM RE-OPENS

On Friday night 4th September, members of the Anglican churches of Gladstone gathered together for a celebration of thanksgiving for the newly restored All Saints church and for Fathers Day.

In January before Cyclone Marcia destroyed the roof and messed up the inside of the building, Fr Daniel performed a wedding there, and the couple he joined together were also there on Friday night.

A lovely time was had with lots of people sharing about their Dads and just enjoying the newly refurbished building.



This felt like a new beginning for All Saints' and the Parish.

All Saints' was fully decorated and the evening was finished off with a BBQ and music by Wayne and Lyn Paton.

Kerrilynn Yates



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1. This banner greeted us when we arrived at Bishop Lindsley's place.
2. Mother Felicity and Bishop Lindsley welcoming us in song.
3. **Revd Jan with a group of Mothers' Union ladies.**
4. Anglicare Mount Hagen - R-L: Branch Manager Cliff Rombok, Chris & Bp Graham (Norwich), David & Colleen (Rpton Dio), Juliet & Hugh (NZ), back row Fr Phil (Norwich).
5. Consecration of the church of St Alban's in Kwima Diocese of Aipo Rongo.

Photos & Captions supplied by David Rees
More information from this trip will be in the next issue of the Gazette

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HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION WEEK: EVERYONE DESERVES A PLACE TO CALL HOME

During Homelessness Prevention Week in early August, Anglicare Central Queensland reminded our local communities that housing is a basic human right, and everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Figures from Homelessness Australia show that, on any given night, one in 200 people in our country are homeless.

AnglicareCQ provides accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in communities right across the Diocese. The organisation also provides related services such as emergency financial assistance and help with budgeting and living skills, domestic violence prevention and intervention, and support for people who have trouble maintaining their tenancy due to mental illness or disability.

Local statistics from AnglicareCQ

Rockhampton: from June to August, AnglicareCQ housed nine Rockhampton families in crisis accommodation. But the demand for services is much greater: the organisation has eight properties available for crisis accommodation in the Rockhampton area, and more than 70 current applications.

Longreach: In the last 12 months, AnglicareCQ has housed 50 people who were homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness, including 11 families with children.

Emerald: From January to June, 88 people came to AnglicareCQ seeking help because they were homeless, at risk of homelessness, or living in unsuitable conditions such as overcrowding.

ENDING THE STIGMA SURROUNDING MENTAL ILLNESS

Anglicare Central Queensland is working to wipe out the stigma surrounding mental illness.

Our mental health teams discovered one of the biggest issues facing our participants was discrimination, misunderstanding and lack of **community inclusion**. We're working in the Central Highlands and the Callide region to build bridges, share information, and create communities that are more accepting, respectful and inclusive of people with mental illness.

The latest step in this project was a round of public meetings in Emerald and Biloela held in August. The gatherings attracted about 70 people in Emerald and more than a hundred in Biloela, ranging from people with mental illness, family members, carers and friends, to doctors and health care providers, mining companies, local services clubs, and representatives from other agencies like Centrelink, Red Cross and UnitingCare Community.

Community initiatives discussed at the meetings include regular gatherings as a way to share information, and the creation of safe spaces in the community where people with mental illness could find respect, understanding and support. These safe spaces may be in public areas or local businesses, and would work similarly to the former Safety House program which provided safe places for children who were lost, being bullied, or felt unsafe.



Many of our Parishes are suffering from drought and have asked for our prayers.

A PRAYER FOR RAIN

God our heavenly Father
through your Son you promised
to those seeking first your kingdom
and your righteousness
all things necessary for bodily welfare:
send us, we pray, in this time of need,
rain to water the earth,
that we may receive its produce
to strengthen and sustain us
and always praise you for your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:
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The role of Gazette Editor is coming up for renewal in 2016. If you have experience using Mac computers and would like to take on this role, please email gazette@anglicanchurchcq.org.au for more information.

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."*



AROUND THE DIOCESE

BOYNE RIVER

In May the Parish held its annual service in the Bush Chapel at Tanyalla, as always it was a great occasion in which we could worship God in the midst of his creation. Also in May we had a 'Worship out of the Box', our version of Messy Church which we will hold occasionally, to explore the theme of Pentecost.

Finishing in June, about 20 people attended a nine week series led by The Revd Lex Macqueen that was like an overview of how we understand the Bible as one book. Thanks to Lex for unpacking the Bible in such a fresh and exciting way through the series. It was a real blessing to have Lex and June share in our Parish life for a few months.

In July the Parish said farewell to The Revd Lyn and Howard Baldwin as Lyn accepted the invitation to become the next Parish Priest of the Parish of Mullumbimby in the Diocese of Grafton. Through her teaching and care of the people in the Parish and the wider community Lyn imparted wisdom and compassion that encouraged people along their spiritual walk with God.

While Lyn was only with us for three years, Lyn's commitment and passion will be missed for a long time, but we happily send her onto the next part of her vocation with the people of Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads. A farewell BBQ was held at Tanyalla around the fire as a time to say thanks and God Bless. Lyn was commissioned in Mullumbimby on Friday 24 July.



The Parish had the privilege of supporting Tim Mannix to participate in the ABM Modawa Pilgrimage in August to Dogura, near the North-East tip of Papua New Guinea. Dogura was the first mission station of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea. The pilgrimage commenced in Port Moresby with a tour of Anglicare PNG, Anglicare StopAIDS and meeting with church representatives.

From Port Moresby the pilgrims travelled a couple of hours in a plane, a few more hours in a truck over a mountain range, followed by a few more hours in a fibreglass dinghy before the pilgrims arrived on the Dogura plateau.

The Parish is looking forward with excitement to the ordination of Helen Rinaldis as a Priest in the church of God at the end of November.

Freyia Schwarzrock

WANDAL

St Luke's had another successful and enjoyable Social Curry Night in June. In July we had a visit from Bishop David and Revd Jan on the occasion of the confirmation of six young people and one adult. It was a great celebration, enjoyed by the candidates, their families and friends along with the parish family.



In August, we said farewell to long-time and loyal parishioner, Betty McCann. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered.

We are now planning for the introduction of "Messy Church" in September. This is an attempt to "be church" for families or individuals who might be looking to belong to their local church, but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. Messy Church will be held monthly at first, as we reach out to the community in which we live. *Jan Nightingale*

KEPPEL

More than 60 parishioners took the opportunity to inspect the new church building recently. Many positive comments were heard regarding the spacious entry area and the various worship spaces within, and the outlook to Keppel Bay through the windows behind the altar. Even though a great deal of work to fit out the interior still has to be completed, the design concept was overwhelmingly approved.

A great deal of work has been undertaken this past month to empty the dining hall, vestry, children's room and store rooms prior to these two buildings being demolished. This will allow a lawn and paved entry to be laid in front of the church and for the driveway. Planning for the Dedication Service of the new church, St James The Fisherman, on November 14 is in hand and the parish extends an invitation to all to join them on this joyous occasion.

The depth of knowledge and wonderful enthusiasm of presenter, Peter Barnett, proved a rewarding experience for all who attended the first of the three Safe Ministry Workshops held in July. Diocesan Safe Ministry Trainer, Revd Jan Robinson, assisted Peter and led participants to an understanding of duty of care, codes of conduct and running safe church ministry programs among many other aspects of accountability for all church workers.

Canon Mike Donaldson and Canon Philip Ward attended the "Leading Your Church into Growth" seminar at Sea World. The speakers, from the UK, shared many ideas, creating great interest for all.

Marzley Baldwin



AROUND THE DIOCESE

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON

The Wags (We are God's girls) group enjoyed a beautiful morning in Mount Morgan. The morning commenced with a service of Morning Prayer at St Mary's. Afterwards they enjoyed a tour of the mine and the town itself, learning of the fantastic history Mount Morgan has to offer. Finally the group enjoyed a relaxing lunch at the Mount Morgan dam. The group were very appreciative of the hospitality shown toward them.

On behalf of the Rockhampton Churches Together, a reconciliation ecumenical service was held in the parish church of St David's. A story was shared about the life of Winnie Munns and the struggles she endured as a member of the stolen generation. Members of her family were present at the service. Margaret Hallinan from the Catholic Church read a message. Parishioners from the Uniting Church and the pastor from the Lutheran Church were also present.

The parish said farewell to Ross and Judy Shepherd as they commence a new life in Brisbane. Ross's job has given them both the opportunity to make new beginnings. The parish presented them both with a new crystal vase. The Caritas group held a small fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Lillias and Carol were the hosts. The entertainment was supplied by the Sabaya Belly Dancers. A generous donation of \$173 was raised.



Caritas Cancer Fundraiser with Sabaya Belly Dancers. Photo supplied by Mrs Linda Hurley

Some of our parishioners formed a small committee to organise this year's fete. It was another huge success. The entertainment consisted of the Sabaya Belly Dancers, Patsy Ward's husband who performed whip cracking and the Rockhampton Regional Band, who played toe tapping music. It was a very happy and prosperous day.

Lawrie Fox

EMERALD

Much has happened at St Luke's Emerald in the last few months. The Revd Honorio has continued to conduct The Holy Eucharist at Clermont, Capella, Blackwater and Rubyvale as well as at St Luke's, of course. A great effort has been put into raising money for our Relay for Life team which walked on August 15 and 16. An enthusiastic team of parishioners organised a Barn Dance Dinner and ran a raffle, and with generous donations approximately \$2000.00 was raised for the worthy cause of Cancer Research.

The Revd Honorio attended the Provincial Clergy conference in August on the Gold Coast, where the theme was "Leading Your Church Into Growth". We look forward to him sharing it with us to assist our parish. Religious instruction continues to be delivered by the Revd Honorio in the primary schools, while the State High School students have come to St Luke's for their once a term religious lessons. It is great to see this being made available to our young people.

A garage sale held on August 8 raised some much needed cash for the Parish. A special thank you to Ted and Michelle and all the other helpers who made this a success. A men's breakfast was held on August 15, with the guest speaker being Mr Eddie Patton, the Prison Chaplain from Rockhampton. It is hoped these breakfasts will become a regular event. On September 4 our parish held its annual fair. We will write more about this in the next issue.

Gwen and Christine



Pictured: Graeme Sypher, Darryl Mattingley, Peggy Pearl, Val Sypher, Patsy Sauer, Gwen Siddins, Dianne McAtee, Lorna Hicks, Michelle Neville, Ruth Moriarty. Joyce Gray is in front in white top.

On Sunday 30th August, Joyce Gray of Bendigo, Victoria, joined us for worship while on a solo motorhome tour. Joyce explained that she is the niece of a former Rector of St Luke's, the late Reverend Ernie Harris. Joyce was overjoyed to find a number of parishioners who knew her uncle well and memories were shared over morning tea.

Sandra Neville

LONGREACH

For years we have bemoaned the fact that our congregation is aging and there are not enough workers. Nevertheless, recently our "old girls" raised around \$1,000 at a Garage Sale. Now they are girding their loins to put on yet another Flower Show – in a year of drought and grasshopper devastation. Similarly, an 82 year old priest has brought new life into our worship. We find we are not too old to learn a new song or something new about our prayer book or church design. We are encouraged to take home a Bible and really read it, so that the snippet read in church is in context.

Give thanks for all we have, and pray we can keep the spirit alive in our small piece of the church – and keep it lively!

Eva Tindall

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GRACEMERE

What a busy and fabulous three months we have had, but with a shocking and tragic twist at the end.

Bishop David and Revd Jan visited our parish for Pentecost. Together we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church, dancing around



a cross "on fire". A week later we had a wonderful parish picnic with a service at the beach - marvelling at God's beautiful creation. The theme for Sea Sunday this year was "Lifesavers". Everybody brought something along that saved their lives, which led to the sharing of some amazing stories and a great morning of fellowship. The following weekend the players of St Andrew's Cards & Mah Jong Afternoon celebrated their second anniversary by raising \$510 for the Public Rural Crisis Fund. This monthly event has not only proven to be a day of fun and friendship for all, but also an excellent way of raising funds for the church throughout the year. To make those few months even more special, we were blessed with the Baptism of seven beautiful children and meeting their lovely families and friends.

Our Ladies' Coffee & Cake Group have, with the help of Anglicare, been able to identify two ways in which they can support disadvantaged adults and children in the local community. With the support of the congregation the ladies are collecting suitable items to put together Comfort-Kits for children who have to be taken away from their families and put into emergency care. The ladies are also collecting all sorts of household items with the goal to provide Household- Starter-Kits to people moving into crisis-housing, their only belongings being the clothes on their backs. We thank God for this great outreach opportunity.

In the end, three amazing months of worship, fellowship and celebrations were overshadowed by the tragic accident and death of our much loved and appreciated friend and warden, John Melton. On Friday 28th August, around 200 people gathered at St Andrew's to celebrate John's life and pay their final respects during a truly beautiful funeral service. Even though we all miss John enormously, it is comforting to know that he is safe in the arms of our Lord Jesus. Our prayers are with his wife Marg and the family.

Tina Reiser

SPRINGSURE

In the past few months, so much has happened I can scarcely take it in. To celebrate our patron Saints Day we had the pleasure of the presence of our Bishop David and Revd Jan, who came especially to lead us in **service and ministry**. Being their first visit to St Peter's Parish, a very special welcome was extended to them. Soon after, another special person, Alexandra Holmes, an ordinand studying theology at Oxford University, arrived to be with us for a month. Her mission was to experience life in an Australian bush parish. Accommodation had been arranged, myself included to be hostess for a week (what a privilege that proved to be) before moving on to share a week each with other parishioners. Alex used her time learning parish life by working with Revd Judy, preaching on Sundays, attending Bible Study, taking Sunday School and many other tasks. On spare days there was a birthday party on a property in the bush (on the coldest night of the year), selling cakes on a street stall, attending a **Bullarama (she wasn't allowed to ride a bull)**, football matches, a trip in a cattle truck carting cattle, winding up with a BBQ lunch organised by Bishop Alf and friends, on top of the mountain on a beautiful sunny day.

The time came to say good-bye, always a sad feeling, when Alex left for her next destination in New Zealand. We wish her well and pray that she will return safely to her home in England. May the Lord be with her. We still have the joy of her presence in our hearts.

Recently, two faithful friends of the parish, Frances Spooner and Hilda Preston, both ladies in their nineties, were called to eternal life. May light perpetual shine upon them. Our sympathies go out to their grieving families.

Drought continues on in its destructive way, with no sign of relief in sight. Night time temperatures are of arctic type but sunny warm days prevail. In the meantime, both humans and animals are suffering deeply. Pray that God will soon send rain to replenish everything and restore confidence in the future.

Bible study is still observed in the home of Sharon and Leonard Rodda. Owing to being transferred to Emerald, Mervyn resigned from the leadership. He had been an instigator in getting the Bible Study started and led it for a number of years. We miss his friendly ways very much. Bishop Alf has kindly taken on the leadership and we are thankful for his wisdom and guidance in understanding scripture. *Anne Travers*

LAY RETREAT

This year's Lay Retreat will be held at The Haven, Emu Park from Friday, 30 October to Sunday, 1 November. The retreat will commence at 4pm on the Friday evening and conclude by 11am on Sunday morning.

Friday evening and Saturday morning we will be looking at preaching, dealing with questions of prayer, and preparing and delivering the message. The remainder of our time away will be spent on quiet reflection and Bible study.

There are still a few spaces available.
Contact Themis on 4927 3188

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CALLIDE

A Women's Retreat was held in Biloela on August 16 and 17. It was organised by Sue Witten and held at the home of Bev Power. The theme was "Joyful Discipleship" and scripture was from "Philippians". The Revd Jan Robinson led the Retreat. A Retreat is a wonderful way of coming together to grow in knowledge of God's word and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Eight ladies attended. It was not a silent Retreat, so lots of talking and sharing took place. Sue is already thinking and planning a Retreat in 2016.



A bonus was having a delicious lunch organised by The Revd Bob Witten assisted by our Rector John Coleman and Bishop David.

Bev Power

CLERGY PARTNERS GET TOGETHER

Supporting their husbands or wives in ministry and involved in ministries of their own, our clergy partners are integral and loved members of our Diocesan family. On August 8th, a group met together to share lunch, have a chat and pray together.



Afterwards a few brave souls enjoyed further fellowship ten pin bowling and laughing a lot! A big thank you to all our clergy partners for all you do.

Jan Robinson

Messy Church Australia with the Anglican Church Central Queensland

presents



Sue and Glen Taylor
Messy Church Trainers

"Growing a Messy Church"

Saturday 28th November 2015

9.00 am to 3.00 pm

St David's Anglican Church

Simpson St. North Rockhampton

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CLERGY CONFERENCE 2015

The Venerable Bob Jackson and The Canon Robin Gamble led about 220 clergy from all over Queensland and Northern NSW in exploring the topic “Growing God’s Church in God’s World”. They provided feedback and insights into how many Churches in England have begun to grow their congregations, renew their faith and make a fresh stand for Jesus in the ever-changing environment of the 21st century.

We were encouraged to grow through deepening our relationship with Jesus and following His example and command to preach the Gospel and teach others about loving one another as Christ has loved us. We were reminded that people today need Jesus in their lives and it is up to us to find ways to tell them the Good News. Bob and Robin have developed courses to help teach congregations how to explore ways of reaching out to their communities and grow their churches.

Our conference prayer was:

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our
planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Although the conference was at Sea World on the Gold Coast, we had no time to explore the attractions being kept busy with Bible studies on Paul and some of his missionary journeys presented by The Reverend Dr Gregory Jenks and an informative presentation by **Professor Peter Little on “Who’s minding the future? Is it time to recognise a new leadership role in the church?”**

Apart from being extremely informative, insightful and practical, the conference was a great time of fellowship, worship and refreshment for all involved.

Revd Jan Robinson



*Left: Revd Anne Nixon & Revd Shaji Joseph having a laugh
Below: CQ Clergy get together during the conference*



SAFE MINISTRY AWARENESS

Safe Ministry Awareness Training kicked off to a great start in the Diocese, with three training days in Keppel, Wandal and Callide Valley Parishes. 105 people have completed their training and very positive feedback was received from all.

Besides the very important area of child protection, the training covers topics such as safe recruiting of church workers, safe relationships within the church and safe environments - physical, spiritual and emotional.

God’s people are precious in His sight and we need to treat all people with the love and respect God gives to us.

Future training dates have been set for:
2015 November 7: Moranbah
2016 February 6: Barcardine
February 7: Emerald
February 20: Gladstone

Bishop-in-Council have agreed that the following groups of people should undertake Safe Ministry Training:

- Wardens
- Parish Councillors
- All License Holders and Holders of Certifications
- Members of Bishop-in-Council
- Heads of Organisations
- Members of Tanyalla Management Board
- Voluntary workers at Tanyalla
- **St Matthew’s Cottages**
- **St Mary’s Cottages**



Please direct any enquiries you may have to the Diocesan Office.

Revd Jan Robinson