



# The Gazette



## Cathedral under repair

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Scaffolding was erected in August to enable repairs to the roof on the St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton to commence. The damage was caused by Cyclone Marcia in 2015.

As with all building renovations, other issues often come to light. When removing the iron from the roof it has been discovered that the purlins at the point of support in the stonework at either end of the building have been damaged by water and rotted away. Currently, the

architect, engineers, insurers, and site manager are in dialogue as to how this will be resolved physically and financially. As load bearing support for

the ceiling and roof of the Cathedral, naturally the rectification of this deterioration will need to be fixed and the cost of doing  
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## The Bishop's Musings



Dear Friends,

It's now been a little over two years since Jan and I arrived in the Diocese of Rockhampton. In this time, we have managed to travel to almost every part of the Diocese and met many wonderful, caring people. We have been encouraged by the dedication, prayerfulness and the welcoming nature of the church communities that meet across the Diocese.

I have also been very mindful of the difficulties we face, as the Anglican Church, in providing a Christian witness in the more isolated communities that are spread across the region and I am most grateful for the support of the Bush Church Aid Society without whose help we would not be able to provide the kind of ministry we do in towns like Moranbah, Winton, Longreach and Barcardine.

This year Bishop in Council has begun to look more carefully at our strategy for ministry in the years ahead, identifying some shifts in

emphasis that will need to occur, as we seek to grow God's Kingdom across Central Queensland.

One area of focus for the Diocese will be the introduction of a new training initiative. The Ridley Certificate in Theology. This course is available online and is an ideal course for those involved, or seeking to be involved, in Lay Ministry. It is hoped that we will be able to run some workshops across the Diocese for those wanting to take part in this programme. In which we will talk about the course units being studied and offer some further training for ministry. In a little while I hope to announce the creation of a Bishop's Certificate of Ministry for those providing leadership in parishes. Of course each of these courses will be open to anyone who wishes to participate. If you would like to get involved please register your interest through the Diocesan office.

A second area of focus, next year, will be on the development of ministry hubs. While still in the

development phase, it is clear that we need to do something differently as we seek to lead the church into the future. Ministry hubs will allow us to create centres for training and encouragement, places to meet and pray together, as we carry on the work of mission and ministry.

These changes along with a number of other strategies for the future are spelled out in the Diocese's draft Mission Action Plan, which has now gone out to all parishes for comment. If you would like to see a copy please ask your wardens.

Can I ask you to offer prayerful support for these changes? There will be challenges, I am sure, but with prayer and in the power of God, all things are possible.

Let's work together to be a people who love God and love others both in word and deed.

With every blessing

+ *David*

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## Carols in Saint Mary's Anglican Church Mount Morgan

The congregation of St Mary's Mount Morgan is excited to invite you all to come along with a friend and join us to start the Christmas Season with Carols & Spiritual Music in Saint Mary's Anglican church Mount Morgan on

Sunday 27th November at 6.00pm

We have guest artists The Bouldercombe Singers and Mrs. Alma Graham. Light refreshments will be served in the Church Hall at 5pm. Should you re-

quire further details please contact Keith Hare on 49381286. We look forward to a huge turn up to start the Christmas season.

*Rhonda Ramm*

## Mothers' Union celebrates its 140 year anniversary

Mary Sumner Day was celebrated in St Luke's Wandal on 9<sup>th</sup> August with a Eucharist featuring special resources for the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from the UK website. For the occasion, every member in the Diocese, including Caritas, had been given a small calico flag to decorate and write a message about what they valued most about MU. So we ended up with a wonderful, long line of bunting illustrating the collective achievements of Mothers' Union in the

Diocese. It is being "aired" in each parish that has a branch over a couple of weeks to promote MU and so that all members could view the final product. It has created great interest amongst both MU and the parishes.

The bunting came to St Paul's Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> September for their special service to celebrate the formation of MU on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1876. Mothers' Union members were rostered for all positions in the liturgy for the day, and we used the



*Mrs Mary Sumner with St Paul's President Jenny Howie and Diocesan President Noelle Frazer with some of the bunting in the background*

service that had been prepared for Mary Sumner Day. A special surprise was a visit by Mrs Mary Sumner (Alice Quaife) in her time machine from 1919, when she was interviewed by the lay minister for the day, Diocesan President Noelle Frazer. Both services on the day featured these special preparations, and parishioners and MU visitors from other parishes really enjoyed the experience, several remarking that they had never realized all that MU does. We cut a cake for the occasion, and provided Morning Tea, so all in all it was a very exciting day and a great promotion of our awesome Mothers' Union.



*Cutting the cake with the group of members who attended the service on the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

*Noelle Frazer*

## Clermont Parish

Our Parish is mourning the passing of a dear Parishioner Joan Grant who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> early this year; she will be sadly missed. Joan was a stylish lady; we loved to see her matching outfits after her retail therapy. October/December are

our Rev Bob and Sue months; always good to see them and share the work load. Our Parish is working quite well with these alternate months. The cooler months and the caravanning tourists in the town have bought a few new faces to Church

on Sundays; great to meet these folks and hear of their journeys. Christmas Service and Carol night are organised for December; yes, almost here (I will be ready).

*Sandra Strohfeldt*



## St Luke's Emerald



**Photograph is of Lawson aged 10, Hunter aged 10 and Macarthur aged 12 together with one of our lovely L.A.'s Sandi Neville and Rev. Honorio Hincapie.**

What an action-packed term we have had at St. Luke's! The highlight was the Spring Fair held on Friday 9th September. Despite the rainy weather, parish and community members enjoyed various stalls, food and entertainment. In the coming months we look forward to preparing the children for the Christmas

pageant. They will perform this nativity story at a Sunday service in November and on Christmas Eve. Our monthly church family dinners will also continue. This is an opportunity for us to meet over a meal and get to know each other better. Our next dinner, "Hannah, Hamburgers and Heavenly Sweets" will see Hannah sharing her testimony.

As the year winds down, we will celebrate our numerous volunteers with a Volunteers "Thank You" Luncheon in early December. There are so many wonderful people who make St. Luke's such a welcoming place to belong to.

*Rebecca M.*

***"It was great to have 18 activity-centre leaders and 12 youth helpers"***

## Keppel Parish

Vacation bible school – 2016

Every year in the second week of the September school holidays we hold a Vacation Bible School during the mornings for excited children between the ages of 3 and 12. This year we had an

average of 30 children participating each morning. It was great to have 18 activity-centre leaders and 12 youth helpers. This year we held the theme SonRock Kids Camp where we decorated the church to give it the atmosphere of a forest wilderness

adventure. The team leaders worked hard in the lead up to this week which involved preparing and decorating their different zones so children amazed at each stage of the adventure. The activities were broken up into Bible Stories, Music, Craft, Games and Snack

Zone. The daily themes were Accepted, Protected, Saved, Forgiven and Living for Jesus. The children had a great week participating and learning to interact with each other in a Christian environment. The adventure ended with the families coming along to see what the children had been learning all week and stayed for fellowship in the form of a sausage sizzle. We look forward to next year's programme.

Twilight market

St. James at Yeppoon is preparing to hold a twilight market on Saturday 12th November at Housden Place. We encourage you to come along and join the fun.

*Lorraine Veach*



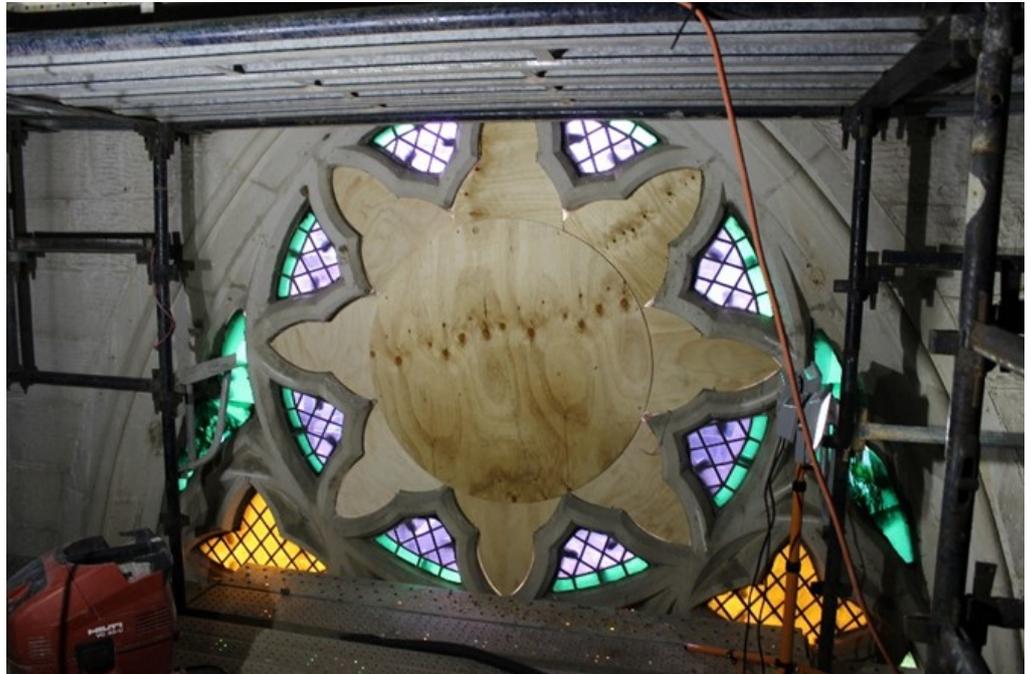
## More about the Cathedral

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so is yet to be established. Unfortunately, it will hinder progress on the whole project, but much better to learn about this situation now rather than to have it undiscovered and putting people and structural aspects at risk.

The cathedral is currently closed for worship due to internal scaffolding and a temporary 'church' has been set up in the parishes' Nathaniel Dawes Hall.

The Rose Window at the front of the St Paul's Cathedral was identified as requiring urgent work.

During the repairs to St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton, professional stained glass window assessors have been commissioned to provide advice as to the state of the windows, in particular the Christ the King window and the Rose window, both at the west end of the cathedral. The inspection has



revealed the Rose window is in very poor condition. Consequently, Bishop in Council has approved a twelve months' interest free loan to the Cathedral Parish of \$200,000 to immediately remove the window for repair, re-leading, reinstallation and protection through the application of toughened glass to the exterior. The existing corroded wire mesh will be removed from

all the windows as they are staining and damaging the stone surrounds. As this is a large unexpected cost, if anyone would like to make a donation towards the costs, it would be greatly appreciated. This may be as a direct gift or through the parish's National Heritage Fund which provides tax incentives. For further information, please contact the Parish Office 07 4927 6555.

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### 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.

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### Gazette Deadlines

Please send you articles and photos for inclusion in the Gazette to

[gazette@anglicanchurchcq.org.au](mailto:gazette@anglicanchurchcq.org.au)

The deadlines for these items for the 2016 issues are:

November 22

For 2017 the deadlines are

February 14th

May 14th

## SpringSURE Parish



Not long ago a man came from Canberra to Rockhampton to be our Bishop. His name is David. What did he see when he got here? Well, I venture to say, that after visiting St. Peter's, he saw a very busy place. Beginning with our hard working priest, Revd Judy we have the Ministry Team always planning programmes to strengthen the parish, the Bible Study group, Sunday School followed by the Ladies Guild, Cattle Committee taking care of the fabrics of the church, and many more individuals pitching in to do their bit in helping to keep the structures in

good condition. Another group is busy organising the Flower Show to be held on October 8th.

Donations to PNG Christmas Appeal was well supported the money raised to be used for gifts to the students at Christ the King School in Port Moresby.

Led by Revd Jan Robinson, safe ministry training day takes place on Oct. 1st.

Cody Powell my great grandson was baptised in the beautiful grounds of St. Peter's, and welcomed into the congregation. He is our newest Christian. God Bless him.

Our prayers go out to the sick and suffering, keeping in mind Isla, hospitalised in Rockhampton. For most of her life, Isla has been a faithful worshipper at St. Peter's, and a friend to all. We wish her a speedy recovery and return home to her family and loved ones.

When we hear reports of drought breaking rains fallen in the western areas of the State our prayers have been answered. God is Good. I hope He was given a big thankyou for His gracious favour.

*Anne Travers*

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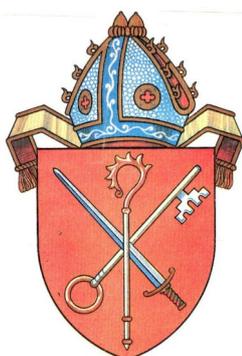
## North Rockhampton Parish

The Parish of North Rockhampton held a very successful fete in August. It was a day when all churches in the parish work together as one. The entertainment was provided by the Rockhampton City Brass

band, the Belly Dancers, whip cracker, Ballet Dancers, Revd Tom's singing group sang a well known selection of favourite tunes. The entertainment concluded with poetry being read by Helen Quaife and a duet

with her father in law, John Quaife. A big thank you goes to Patricia Green as convenor and announcer on the day and her team of volunteers for making the Fete such a great success.

*Laurie Fox*



### 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 Bishporic. 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."*

## St Luke's Wandal

St Luke's Annual Social Curry Night was, once again, well attended. A great night, both socially and financially and enjoyed by all, especially Shaji's delicious curries. Associate Professor Ashwath Nanjappa from CQ University was our guest speaker. He is an expert on Australian Native plants. He was very entertaining and passionate about his subject producing oil from the Diesel Tree. His research has shown if you want your diesel car or truck to run more smoothly, it's best to add biodiesel produced from

the seeds of an Aussie native plant known as the 'Beauty Leaf Tree'.

In August some parishioners manned the stall at the Hall School's Environment Day, our theme being "The Miracle of Nature". We had plants for sale and provided relevant faith information to the public. Supporting the school is a wonderful way of reaching out to the local community.

At the end of November,



**Associate Professor Ashwath Nanjappa spoke at the St Luke's Annual Social Curry Night**

the school will again join us for the Annual Christmas Fair at St Luke's, which will be a great night.

*Jan Nightingale*

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*"The award plaque has now been placed on public display in Anglicare's reception area."*

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## Anglicare's award winning building



There was much to celebrate when Anglicare CQ moved into the

new purpose-built office on the corner of Musgrave St and Burnett St, Berseker in March this year.

The building was constructed by Close Constructions Pty Ltd on behalf of the Diocese.

There was further reason to celebrate when Close Constructions Pty Ltd won the Master Builders Queensland award for a Commercial Building up to \$5 million.

The award plaque has now been placed on public display in Anglicare's reception area.

This award by experts in the field, confirmed the opinion of the Diocese that we were very well served by the commitment to the project by Don Close. Don's steady leadership and problem-solving skills were most reassuring and the results speak for themselves.

Not only did Don ensure that the construction flowed smoothly and on time he also oversaw repairs to the adjoining 164 Musgrave St. soon after the completion of construction of the new



building.

As the photo illustrates the two buildings now complement one another.

Thank-you Don for a job well done and congratulations on a well and truly deserved award.



**Anglicare CEO Suzie Christensen with Builder Don Close and Diocesan Registrar David Rees**

## More Wanderings of the GFS World President

In early July I visited the USA for the Triennial GFS National Assembly, held in a most beautiful Roman Catholic monastery in Connecticut. It was a huge building; I was told cost \$2M to build in the 1920's. I pondered on the number of men who had trained for the priesthood over many years. Now it is partly used as the administration centre for the Catholic Diocese, is a home for retired priests, part of it a home for a small group of religious, and the rest a live in conference centre for church affiliated groups. I guess indicative of the situation in both Anglican and Catholic churches in the western world.

I had an overnight stay in New Haven, the home of Yale University and had a pleasant morning walking the streets of the Yale colleges and visiting some lovely churches.

GFS in the USA is beginning to grow again and they have a particularly strong group of teenage and young women, with a large contingent at the Assembly. They are very committed to service and on Independence Day, July 4th, the morning was spent in working on a number of interesting projects for the homeless, and for a number of overseas areas. It was impressive to see everyone, whatever age,

participating in one of the projects.

I met the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of USA (ECUSA), The Most Revd Michael Curry, a vibrant, entertaining and very faith filled priest who held the young people in awe as he spoke to them at the Commissioning Service for the New GFS Board.

There are a number of Latin American countries which episcopally fall under the jurisdiction of ECUSA. There has been much promotion of GFS amongst these countries and the Dominican Republic and Honduras now has a growing GFS ministry with Puerto Rico about to commence. A representative from the Dominican Republic was able to come to Connecticut to observe GFS at work in the USA.

I felt that GFS in the USA is in good hands and growing stronger.

It was then on to Newfoundland in Canada. It is only recently that we have renewed contact with the only GFS branch in Canada. Newfoundland remained a part of the UK until the 1940s and so had strong links to GFS in England. There were many branches but with the introduction of Girl Guides and as society changed, GFS branches closed. The branch of Bonavista is in the far

north of Newfoundland. They celebrated 121 years of existence this year and I was drawn to visit them being on that side of the continent.

It was a most interesting visit. Bonavista is a quaint small town, iced in during the winter, once a large seal harvesting town, now with fishing the main occupation. It is especially famous because it was the site of the first sighting of Canada by a John Cabot in 1497. I found a group of very dedicated women, many very mature aged, working hard in service in the name of GFS. Not being in contact with the world body for such a long while meant they did not always understand what was happening in the GFS world. I stayed with the young Rector and his wife and he interviewed me at three of his Sunday services. GFS members took me around this beautiful town – it was very cold – even in summer – and then we dined together and I was able to bring them up to date with what is happening around the world. It was encouraging that one lady said to me she was beginning to feel that GFS was slipping away from them but now felt very encouraged to keep going! I was



**Val Gribble, The Rt Revd Laura Ahrens, Bishop of Connecticut, The Most Revd Michael B Curry, Presiding Bishop of ECUSA**

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**Bonavista GFS members**

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## St Paul's Cathedral parish



**The Deanery has a new roof**

Lots of work has been happening around St Paul's Cathedral parish,

Rockhampton.

The Deanery has a new roof resulting from the damage caused by Cyclone Marcia.

The parishes' "Curate's House" as well as the building in which AnglicareCQ Bargain Shop operates, have also each had a new roof. The hall at St Mark's, in Larnach St Allenstown has also been repaired following the damaged

caused by the cyclone. There is still more work to be done to the cottage in Denison street as well as the Parish Hall roof.

Due to being damaged, the cross on top of the front of St Paul's Cathedral was removed and sent away for restoration. The cradle has recently been prepared for the new cross (below) to be reinstated.

*Marlene Dobinson*



**"It was obvious to us that they had found the encounter with church enjoyable."**

## Hearing the Old, Old Story in Longreach

On Wednesday 14th September St Andrews, Longreach was enlivened by 48 year 5 & 6 children who visited our church for scripture. With the help of some of our puppet friends (the pirate was a hit!), songs and animated stories, we shared the good news of Jesus with the children, from the creation to Christ's ascension, as well as orienting them to the way we worship in the Anglican Church. The children engaged with the program enthusiastically and the teachers also

provided positive feedback regarding our presentation.

To encourage the children to talk with God in their own lives they were all given the M & M prayer (can be found on Google). The morning concluded with a feast put on by ladies from the parish. While enjoying the food they continued to engage with us showing interest in the church building

(the mosaic picture behind the altar and the remembrance bricks in the outside wall). It was obvious to us that they had found the encounter with church enjoyable.

Later in the week Graeme was thrilled to have a chat with one of the youngsters, when he was recognised by them down the street.

*Graeme and Susan Liersch*



**The M & M prayer can be found on Google**



**Learning the Memory Verse**

## Anglican Church of Australia General Synod

The General Synod Office is currently in the process of developing a new website and members' portal.

The General Synod Office is guided by the following mission statement which was adopted some years ago.

The primary mission of this Office and of the General Secretary is to assist the Church in its engagement with Australian society.

Five strategies have been developed as a means of implementing this mission as we seek to:

1. develop the work of the national institutions;
2. provide ideas and initiatives directly;
3. be more efficient in the use of our resources;
4. offer our advice in the area of finance and administration; and
5. develop effective communications within the church and with the public arena.

The new website and members' portal are important activities to address the fifth strategy 'communications within the church and with the public arena'.

With the website we're looking to create a fresh new design with content that is relevant, current and navigation that is

intuitive for both regular users and those not involved in the church.

The General Synod website is not intended to duplicate information available elsewhere and will continue to direct visitors to diocesan websites, allowing each diocese to promote its unique perspective on mission and ministry and its services within their particular communities.

The new members' portal will share information relevant to dioceses and the commissions and working groups of General Synod. It will provide easy access to resources and information that does not need to be publicly available on the website and provide tools for working together collaboratively. We have already commenced a process of consultation with prospective users. It will be the main site for accessing online resources for the next session of General Synod in 2017.

We seek your assistance:

The website's home page will feature news stories and images of church life and worship. It is important that these stories and images reflect the diversity of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Images:

The website is currently being designed and we have no current photo library to draw on.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange for 3-4 (or more!) images which represent your diocesan life and local community for inclusion on website. Copyright will be acknowledged where required.

We are really seeking images which represent ministry in your distinctive part of Australia.

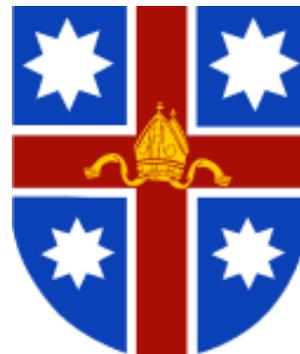
Please arrange for photos in JPEG format to be forwarded to the website project coordinator, Marita Winters: [marita.winters@anglican.org.au](mailto:marita.winters@anglican.org.au) by Wednesday 12 October 2016.

Alternatively, provide us with the name and contact details of the person in your diocese who may best be able to assist.

Your support and encouragement of this project would be greatly appreciated. We intend to launch the new site in early 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any part of the website project.

*Anne Hywood*  
General Secretary



**Anglican Church of Australia  
General Synod**

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***"We seek your  
assistance"***

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## Getting ready to share the spirit of Christmas

Already the Christmas goodies are appearing in stores, and it's time to think about our plans for the festive season. At AnglicareCQ, that means working with the

community to share hope with people for whom Christmas may be a lonely or difficult time. We work with local businesses, community groups and churches to provide hampers for local

families and individuals to make sure the whole community experiences the joy of the season. To find out more about local arrangements and how you can get involved,

you can contact your nearest AnglicareCQ office on 1300 769 814, stay in touch on Facebook at facebook.com/AnglicareCQ, or keep an eye on your local media as Christmas approaches.

## Providing homelessness support across CQ



**AnglicareCQ staff Catherine and Mae at Rockhampton's Homeless Connect event**

AnglicareCQ's homelessness support and housing teams have been active at community events lately, including Homeless Connect in Rockhampton and Gladstone. Homeless Connect is an annual event which puts people who are homeless or at risk in touch with the local agencies that can help with their specific circumstances. It's also an opportunity for people to access things many of us take for granted: a warm meal, toiletries and hygiene supplies, clean clothes, and medical attention.

Tonight and every night, one in 200 Australians are homeless. Homelessness doesn't necessarily mean a person is sleeping rough. It can take many forms, some of which are invisible to onlookers – couch surfing, being constantly on the move between temporary accommodation, or living in a home that's overcrowded, unsafe, or lacking the basic necessities of life like running water or a toilet.

## Hitting the gym for health and happiness

Sport's not only great for our physical fitness, but social and mental health as well. AnglicareCQ's youth services team recently trialled a 12 week program providing social, mental and physical health outcomes for some young people in the Central Highlands.

The program included supervised time in the PCYC gym, and private tae kwon do sessions with an aim of getting the young people involved in the local group and building positive peer relationships.

14 year old Wade\* has become more comfortable talking to others and more able to express his feelings

since starting the program. He's been involved in the justice system in the past, and since the program his self-regulation has improved and he hasn't re-offended. 17-year-old Tyler\* is also part of the project, and he's starting to build a social network of friends he's made

through his new involvement in sport. Both boys are also enjoying increased self-esteem and self-worth.

AnglicareCQ extends a big thank you to the Emerald PCYC and Disability Services for being a proactive partner in this project.

\*Details changed to protect privacy

## ABM assists those affected by Civil War in Burundi

This behind the scenes work is possible thanks to a Global Rapid Response Fund

In April 2015, the African nation of Burundi descended into civil war. The announcement that President Pierre Nkurunziza was seeking a third presidential term triggered mass protests, followed by a subsequent failed coup. The situation quickly deteriorated, with widespread violence causing an estimated 70,000 people to flee into the neighbouring countries of Rwanda, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In addition to these, thousands of people became internally displaced as they escaped the capital Bujumbura, travelling to other cities and provinces without food or guaranteed shelter.

Urgent intervention was required to assist the refugees, and the Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi responded by submitting a formal request to the Anglican Communion, of which ABM is a member. Due to the kind donations supporters gave to the ABM Global Rapid Response fund, ABM was able to send \$5000 to provide life-saving food, cooking materials, bedding, mosquito nets, soap, clothes, and cash grants for those in need. Specifically, the funding



assisted 510 students who took shelter in the U.S Embassy and 264 business women who were affected by grenade attacks near the Bujumbura city market in May 2015.

Recently ABM received feedback from people who benefited from this assistance. Nkwirikiye is a mother of five children and lives in Gasenyi-Mutimbuzi commune one of the municipalities in the Province Bujumbura Rural.

She said, "My daily life was busy with a small street trading. Every morning I woke up early to fill my basket with a quantity of raw peanuts and cassava all for a capital of 10,000

Burundian francs (less than US\$5).

"I then spent the whole day to walk in different districts of Bujumbura and sometimes in the city centre to meet people who like to nibble cassava and peanuts. This normally allowed me to have two meals a day and my five children did not lack anything to eat."

Everything changed when Bujumbura sank in a political crisis since the end of last April. Since the protests Nkurikiye no longer left her home for selling her goods for fear of being a victim of the clashes. The neighbourhoods in which she used to sell goods were no longer accessible.

***A woman, in similar circumstance to Nkurikiye, receives cash assistance from the Anglican Church of Burundi.***

Nkurikiye said, "I lost my little capital, and my clients have fled and others are also affected by the crisis in their own way, but I have something important: faith and the courage to raise my head one day."

For two months, she struggled to survive with her family and then Nkurikiye received the money from the Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi, through its emergency program of assisting people who have been affected by disaster. She has restarted her business and now she says that things have turned in a positive way.



## Safe Ministry Awareness Workshops

These awareness workshops are intended to provide 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:**

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

For more information and to register, contact:

**Diocesan Safe Ministry Training Officer:  
Revd 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



Last Dates for 2016

North Rocky: Oct 15

Moranbah: Nov 5

## Attention all lay people...

Would you like to:

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



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

Cost : \$80 per subject

The Diocese is hoping to collect a group of people who would like to commence this course in 2017. The group will support and encourage members, meet together occasionally and ask guest speakers to assist with learning from time to time.

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

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

## The Challenge of Change

At a recent seminar I attended, we were challenged to consider the 'Uber phenomenon' and the way that the traditional taxi service had been disrupted, to its core, by this new and innovative way of delivering transport. Applying this concept to the church, we were led in an exploration of the ways the church was being disrupted by rapid societal change, in response to continually emerging new technology and the domination of marketplace culture. Some of the disrupting trends that are impacting the church today were identified as follows:

Online technology – negating the need to attend a church because spiritual needs can be met online.

Changing communication styles – traditional preaching in the form of long monologues are no longer connecting with those of the interactional fast paced technological age

The strong emphasis on regulation and compliance with the potential to restrict practice

Changes in the weekly routine – Sundays are no longer sacred and the majority of people today are time poor (whether perceived or real).

Societal cynicism – for many, churches are no longer seen as positive contributors to society.

Decreasing attendance patterns due to other competing activities, e.g. sport

Post denomination era –

people are no longer loyal to denominations, they look for what meets their own needs.

I'm sure as a group we could have identified more disruptions if time had permitted but the list shows us that we are up against it. We were reminded that history belongs to innovators and innovation does not wait for permission. The church should be at the forefront of change. Change that ensures our mission continues. Remembering that the purpose of the mission does not change. We are to remain true to the gospel but flexible in the way we present it.

With this in mind we were asked to consider two questions to help us think about where our own churches were at.

Why would I come to your church?

How would I get to come?

I challenge all, to prayerfully think on these questions. To engage in brainstorming as a church community, being open to 'outside of the box' ideas and, most importantly, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you innovatively into the future, looking forward rather than back.

As you do this I encourage you to contemplate one last question, one that was asked by Bishop Rob Gillion (Riverina, NSW): "Do we have an openness for intentional deep change in the light of serious decline that will bring new life, or do we prefer tolerable minor adjustments that makes slow death more palatable?"

*By Susan Liersch*

## GFS Wanderings continued

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amused that the road signs said "Look out for Moose" I thought of our Kangaroo signs. And I didn't see one Moose!

I felt that this was such a rewarding visit, a part of GFS Canada that I would probably never visit – not that I had ever been to Canada before. So much history, so much that was unique to this small town, such a vibrant Anglican parish, such a committed group of GFS members. I

will long remember this as a highlight of my visit to this continent.

And a couple of weeks home and it was off to Japan as a Guest at the 100th celebrations of the commencement of GFS in that country. GFS began in Kyoto in 1916, brought to Japan by a British woman attending one of the Women's Colleges in Kyoto. Christianity is a very tiny faith group in Japan and so the Anglican

church is also very small. One of Japan's major concerns is their ageing population and this is also apparent in the church. But I saw the church at

work in so many ways, the only Anglican hospital in Japan, St Luke's, in Tokyo, a great commitment to service to the community, and the

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*Mrs Tsuji, Japan and Val Gribble*

## GFS Wanderings continued

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ongoing work supporting the victims of the Tsunami. I visited a church built Japanese style in Nara, I think one of the only ones in Japan. A particular joy was meeting Mrs Tsuji, now 102 years old. Mrs Tsuji was the first National President of GFS in Japan when they formed a country executive and she then became World President. I often read her words or see a reference to her when I am reading through the World Council minutes and we were all overjoyed when her family brought her to the Eucharist to celebrate the 100th birthday.

The current President of GFS Japan is a young 30

year old who manages her own café in Osaka. I visited there before going to the Conference. Ayumi is also a very skilled craftsperson and has classes for porcelain painting in a little room off her café. She is an accountant by profession but says she finds more satisfaction in owning her own little business.

The earthquake in Kyushu earlier this year has also done enormous damage and GFS is now also fundraising to assist the people in this area as well as continuing their support for the Tsunami victims in the north.

Kyoto and nearby Nara are the two traditional cities of Japan. Many women wear their kimonos when out

shopping. There are many shops selling nothing but Kimonos or beautiful materials to have them made and all the accessories.

My last night was back in Yokohama where I stayed with a friend who with her husband still lives Japanese style. Haruko's husband and I are the same age and we had long talks about our different experiences growing up in totally different cultures post war.

One of the many blessings of travelling with GFS is that I am able to participate in and enjoy experiences that the normal tourist would not see. My Japanese friends wanted me to experience as many different foods as possible

and there is a great variety in Japan! I bathed in an Onsen which again is unique to Japan.

My travels as World President have now ended and it is time to concentrate on the World Council in Perth in July next year when I hand over Presidency to South Africa. I have learnt so much in my travels, experienced GFS at work in many different ways but all fulfilling our purpose of bringing others to Christ and to serve others. I have also enjoyed seeing the Anglican church in action in many different dioceses, spoke with Bishops, clergy and laity about our common joys and concerns for the Anglican church.

*(Canon) Val Gribble,  
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## Parish of Keppel the Christmas Tree Festival

In the Parish of Keppel the Christmas Tree Festival Committee are once again busy organising this annual Festival.

It will be held in the Yeppoon Town Hall on Friday 2nd December from 5pm to 8.30pm.

The evening includes a BBQ, drinks (wine, soft drinks, juice) supper, entertainment, raffles and Christmas gifts to buy including puddings and sweets as well as the wonderful display of trees at which to marvel. Tree entries are free and can be set up in the hall after 9am on the Friday.

Capture the spirit of the Christmas Season and be part of this joyful evening.

Entry fee to view the trees is a gold coin donation for adults and children are free.

For further details please phone either Lorraine on 49392483 or Shirley on 4939 2109

## The Bible, the Qur'an, and the Prophets

### The second in a series on Islam to help us think through this issue

What is the difference between the Qur'an and the Bible? Are they different or are they basically the same? In this second instalment in our Christianity-Islam series we are going to consider one fundamental difference between the Bible and Qur'an and how this affects everything.

If you have a Muslim friend then you may have heard that Muslims believe in Jesus and all the prophets. This is a fundamental belief in Islam and makes Islam sound very inclusive.

However, while Muslims say they believe all the prophets, they don't. They only believe what Muhammad tells them about the prophets. The Qur'an does not have any of the books of the Bible in it. It only contains what Muhammad said. This means that Muslims do not learn about Moses by reading the Law of Moses (the first five books of the Bible) but from Muhammad; they do not learn about Isaiah by reading the book of Isaiah but from Muham-

mad; and they do not learn about Jesus by reading the Gospels but by listening to one man Muhammad. In this way Islam is identical to the Bahai religion which likewise is based on one man who tells his followers what to believe about the prophets and their message. Christianity is very different, and we see this when we consider the Bible.

The Bible is not from one man. It is a collection of many prophets, from different locations, in different languages, over about a 1500 year period. Christians read all the prophets and what they believe about God comes from all the prophets, not one man.

When we look at the prophets we see that they have an unified message: They all teach that God made us in his image, the Fatherhood and Son of God, that God dwells with his people, there is a sacrifice for sins, and the story of redemption. All of these concepts come to their fulfilment in the person of Jesus. The prophets build on each other and

are meant to be read together. The Gospel is new but not novel. This unity of scripture is something we can thank God for as it confirms the truthfulness of the Bible. This difference between the Bible and Qur'an explains why Christians and Muslims believe different things: What Christians believe about God comes from all the prophets while what Muslims believe comes from one man.

*Samuel Green,  
Engaging with Islam*

