

## Bring differences to Lambeth 'family table' – Archbishop

The Anglican bishops of South Australia have committed themselves to attend the Lambeth 08 Conference, while some other Australian bishops are still considering their options.

Among Australian bishops yet to commit to the conference, Sydney's Archbishop Peter Jensen and the city's five assistant bishops have delayed their reply to the Lambeth 2008 invitation until after The Episcopal Church (USA) has clarified its response to a communiqué from the Primates dealing with the consecration of gay bishops.

In a letter (see alongside) sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Dr Rowan Williams, the Sydney bishops say the invitation was received with pleasure and it would

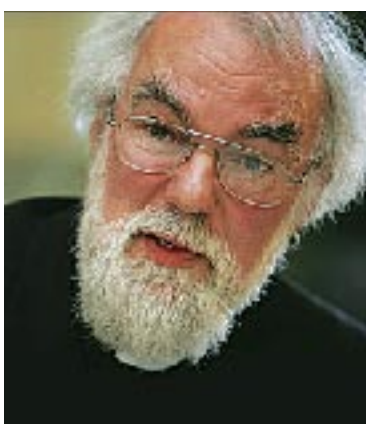
give them a great deal of joy to attend. However, they add that its timing has proved difficult.

Adelaide's Archbishop Jeffrey Driver said while he understood there were serious issues of disagreement in the Anglican Communion, he would be grieved and disappointed if any bishops in Australia felt unable to attend Lambeth.

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"I appreciate that we are divided on a number of important matters but I believe that the most appropriate course of action is for the Anglican Communion to bring these matters to the family table, talk about them and pray together," he said.

The Anglican Bishops of the Province of South Australia all



The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Dr Rowan Williams,

accepted their invitations to the Lambeth Conference ahead of the original RSVP date of 31 July 2007.

Since March, the so-called 'Global South' Anglican leaders have been urging US Episcopal bishops to stop authorising same-sex unions and ordaining anyone living in a same-sex union. The latter is a reference to the 2003 ordination of Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire despite

his living in a gay relationship.

The openly gay bishop was not among those invited, prompting strong criticism from the gay community in the US and England.

A final response from the American bishops is not expected until late September.

Another related issue confronting Lambeth 08 is the exclusion of the 'missionary bishops' consecrated by African

bishops for the USA, which has produced a strong reaction from the Provinces of Nigeria and Rwanda. The Africans have criticised the Archbishop of Canterbury for excluding some of their number while inviting bishops who they believe do not conform to the resolutions of the last Lambeth conference in 1998 that relate to human sexuality.

### Sydney Bishops' letter

July 30, 2007

The Most Rev & Right Hon. Dr Rowan Williams  
Archbishop of Canterbury  
Lambeth Palace  
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UNITED KINGDOM

Dear Archbishop Rowan,

As Archbishop and Assistant Bishops of the Diocese of Sydney, we send our thanks for your kind invitation to attend next year's Lambeth Conference. Your invitation has been received with pleasure and it would give us a great deal of joy to be able to join you.

Unfortunately the timing of the invitation has proved difficult. We have been looking for the response of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church to the Primates' Communiqué from Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. We understand that this response is due by 30th of September.

In view of the real hesitations that we experience in joining with those who have consecrated Bishop Gene Robinson, and with others who have allowed for the blessing of same-sex unions, and given the significance of these events, we feel that we cannot give an answer to your kind invitation until later in the year.

We hope that you understand this delay and we look forward to communicating with you further on this matter at the earliest opportunity.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

The Most Rev Dr Peter F Jensen *Archbishop of Sydney*  
The Rt Rev Robert C Forsyth *Bishop of South Sydney*  
The Rt Rev Dr Glenn N Davies *Bishop of North Sydney*  
The Rt Rev Peter J Tasker *Bishop of Liverpool*  
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The Rt Rev Alan J Stewart *Bishop of Wollongong*

*Letter first published on the Diocese of Sydney website*

## In Bishop Hale's footsteps...



It seemed only appropriate that, given Perth's early beginnings as a far-flung corner of the Diocese of Adelaide, Archbishop Jeffrey Driver enjoyed special guest status at the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the Anglican Diocese of Perth last month.

Archbishop Jeffrey – pictured here with Perth Lord Mayor Dr Peter Nattrass, centre, and Perth

Archbishop Roger Herft – preached in Perth's St George's Cathedral on 25 July to celebrate the consecration all those years ago of an Adelaide Archdeacon, Matthew Hale, as the first Bishop of Perth.

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# Pioneers still, pioneers all

When August Short visited that part of the Diocese of Adelaide that we now call Perth, he saw his first bushfire, celebrated a hot Christmas, and sprained his ankle when his horse stumbled over a fallen log.

More importantly, he returned to Adelaide with a vision of the importance of the young colony in the West and the need for a separate diocese to serve it.

On 25 July I preached in St George's Cathedral, Perth, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the consecration of an Adelaide Archdeacon, Matthew Hale, as the first Bishop of Perth.

It was a wonderful occasion and it is always good to remember the heroes of the past. I cannot contain my admiration for some of our early bishops: Augustus

Short travelling vast distances on horseback, his pastoral staff strapped to its belly, dealing with all the challenges of establishing a diocese, contributing to discussions about the shape of the still emerging Anglican Communion, and leaving legacies that we treasure still; Matthew Hale, in Perth, with his concern for indigenous people and the development of education.

While it is good to admire these early pioneers, let me suggest that we need to go beyond admiration to inspiration. We, too, need to see ourselves as pioneers of faith in a new land. We've not come to our new land, like the pioneers of old, by sail or steamer, enduring risk and physical hardship. Our new land has come to us, through technology and globalisation, the information revolution, through a shaking of old standards and the emergence of a whole new set of values and assumptions about life.

Through all these things and more, we find ourselves as settlers on a strange shore. A new land has come to us, presenting us not with the physical challenges faced by the pioneers of old, clearing bush, marking out towns, putting up bricks and mortar by the sweat of their brow. The pioneering challenges that face us now are about values, ethics, spirituality, the environment, resources and lifestyle.

With the physical technology at our disposal, we can reshape the very stuff of this planet. With



A who's who of Perth's religious community gathered at the City's St George's Cathedral last month to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Perth



Archbishop Jeffrey preaches at the Perth celebrations

gene technology, we can map and manipulate the very structure of life and alter that which took millions of years to evolve.

But what will we become through this power we hold? And what will inform its use? Who will benefit and who will be excluded? What deep values will inform the decision we make?

These are the questions of the new land that we Australians now inhabit and, as Christians, we have much to contribute to the debate about these large issues before us. But we cannot make

the presumptions of old.

No longer can we rely on past privilege or influence to ensure we are heard. No longer can we expect deference, or even interest in what we have to say. No longer can we make the presumption of values shared. We are in a new place, a new land.

Ours is the choice that all people must make when they come to a new land. We can either spend our time looking nostalgically back to the land of our past or we can contribute to the future. We can either stay put admiring the

past or we can let the heroes of the past inspire us to be pioneers once more.

Perhaps one day they will look back and write about the pioneering Christians in the Diocese of Adelaide during the early days of the 21st century. It's up to us!

## First female head for St Mark's College

For the first time in its 82-year history, a woman has been appointed to head St Mark's College.

Ms Rose Alwyn will succeed The Honourable Dr John Bannon AO when he retires as Master of St Mark's – an independent tertiary residential College affiliated with the University of Adelaide – at the end of the year.

Ms Alwyn (41) has been Dean of St Mark's since 2003 and beat a strong field of candidates, including local, interstate and overseas applicants, to the top job.

"Ms Alwyn has been an outstanding Dean and is held in very high regard by the College community. We are confident and excited that she has the necessary professional and personal attributes to build on the

College's acknowledged strengths and to lead it forward in the next stage of its development," said Richard Burchnell, Chairman of the College's Council.

Ms Alwyn is a graduate in Arts, has an MBA from Adelaide University and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has had a long association with the College as a former member of Council, a former President of the St Mark's Old Collegians Association, and a current Board Member of the St Mark's College Foundation.

St Marks College was founded in 1925 and has a current enrolment of 230 undergraduate and post graduate students from Australia and overseas.



Newly appointed Rose Alwyn is the first female head in St Mark's College's 82-year history

Letter to the Editor

### Stewardship Revisited

Stewardship is widely regarded as an important aspect of Christian responsibility. In practice it almost inevitably includes financial needs and meeting them. And while this can cause some discomfort, it is usually accepted as a reasonable obligation.

While the word 'stewardship' is hardly in vogue in the wider world of commerce, the Church has become inclined to take up successful fiscal practices developed in that world. It is not unusual for churches to be in financial straits but it is not *ipso facto* wrong for the Church to adopt such practices.

However, we should perhaps ask "Can it be truly right to pursue opportune avenues to increase income without paying requisite attention to the underlying causes of the problem and the consequences of their continuation?" The state of affairs in a parish can be no less a case in point than elsewhere.

The faithful optimist sees a vital fire tank half full of water and pumps in more to fill it up. The responsible realist sees the tank is half full, carefully checks and finds a rupture lower down and repairs it before pumping more water into the tank.

Which of these is the better steward?

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# Politicians give families top priority

The country's two major political parties have both listed families as a top election priority and announced a number of initiatives to help safeguard Australian families.

Speaking at the 'Federal Election 2007: Make it Count' event organised by the Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) earlier this month, both Prime Minister John Howard and Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd revealed measures to benefit families.

In what is believed to be an Australian first, the leaders spoke live to an estimated 100,000 Christians who gathered at 880 churches in 702 venues across the nation during the 9 August 2007 web-cast. Mr Howard and Mr Rudd also answered questions from the 200 church, para-church and denominational leaders who travelled to Canberra for the event.

Mr Howard used his address to announce plans to upgrade protection for families from Internet pornography, violence and sexual predators. He said this would include free Internet

filters and increased resources for Federal Police to expand checks on Internet chat rooms to detect criminal behaviour, as well as partnering with companies to provide the option of a filtered Internet service for those who prefer this.

Mr Rudd told the gathering that a Labor Government would have a family impact statement prepared for every submission to Cabinet. They would also assist Christian refugees fleeing Iraq by initiating a multilateral conference on how to deal with the needs of refugee communities in Syria, Jordan and beyond.

Archbishop Jeffrey Driver said he welcomed the engagement of both leaders with issues raised by church leaders. However, the Archbishop said he hoped that Christians would continue to engage fully in the political debates of the whole community and not simply focus on a "Christian lobby" such as has developed in the United States.



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## ABM listens to Indigenous Church

By Steve Daughtry  
Communications Officer, Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) has refocused its efforts on supporting the development and encouragement of Indigenous Christians with the establishment of a dedicated Indigenous Program headed up by Program Manager, John Algar.

John has worked for many years with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and enjoys a close relationship with – and empathy for – Indigenous communities. At a time in history when decisions are yet again being made for Indigenous communities, John's ability to listen provides him with one of the great gifts necessary for successful cross-cultural ministry.

John has been visiting every ABM Indigenous Program project – and listening – and is encouraged by the good work being done at colleges like Wontulp Bi-Buya in Cairns and Nungalinya in Darwin, where great progress has been made in training and equipping Indigenous leaders who wish to see their communities transformed and healthy. Other projects, like Rev Saul Burns' ministry to inmates at Lotus Glen Correctional Centre near Cairns, are bringing light and hope into the lives of people who have histories of trouble.

Indigenous Anglicans have much to offer the rest of the church. They live in, work with and understand their communities



Walarru Susan Guyala training at Nungalinya College

in a way that many 'whitefellas' never can – and they are often in strong positions of leadership within those communities. You can be sure that Indigenous Christian leaders will play a leading role in shaping and implementing the real outcomes of the Federal Government's new Indigenous

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## PNG Martyrs' Day Appeal

Anglicans across Australia will pause on 2 September to remember the 12 Papua New Guinea (PNG) martyrs who refused to turn and run from the Japanese advance in World War II and instead died for their love of God and the people they served.

The 12 martyrs – priests John Barge, Henry Holland, Henry Matthews, Bernard Moore and Vivian Redlich; nurses Margery Brenchley and May Hayman; evangelists and teachers Leslie Gariardi, Lilla Lashmar, Mavis Parkinson and Lucian Tapiedi; and builder John Duffill – remind us of the Anglican Church's willingness to stand with a country that is too easily forgotten.

As we approach another Martyrs' Day, we again call on Australian Anglicans to give generously to the ABM Martyrs' Day Appeal and so support the thriving church that continues to be built on the sacrifice of the martyrs and many more who have given their lives in different ways to reach out with love to this emerging nation.

The Anglican Church in PNG grows stronger with each passing year, with Anglican Schools bringing quality education to children in far-flung areas and Anglican Health Services struggling

to prevent and treat illnesses in villages where the concept of a 'local' doctor is a sorry joke.

Furthermore, Anglicare STOPAIDS is recognised by the PNG and Australian governments as a peak service provider in the fight against the spread of HIV and AIDS, while Anglican Youth Services operates in the bush and the city to help young people undertake the transition from rural to urban lifestyle and from tribal to national allegiance.

PNG remains a young and struggling democracy, with troubles that are far from over. Likewise, the Anglican Church in PNG is burdened with challenges we can but imagine.

That's why we can't forget them...God never forgets us, and as God's children, we reflect God's love by refusing to forget those with whom we have been called into relationship.

That's what each Martyrs' Day is about. It's about faithfulness in the face of death, about life that springs from sacrifice, about not letting PNG be forgotten.

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# around the schools

## Japanese visitors at St Andrew's

The latest chapter in St Andrew's School's association with Seibo Gakuin School in Japan played out in late July and early August when St Andrew's hosted students and teachers for a week-long cultural visit.

The association between the two schools dates back a decade and, according to St Andrew's School Principal, Denice Scala, the recent visit was particularly special as it marked her counterpart, Principal Toshiteru Sakoda's, first ever visit to Australia.

Mr Sakoda was accompanied by his Deputy, Yoriko Fujiwara, interpreter Chizuko Nakado and 29 students.

"Weaving a rich tapestry of friendships, experiences and extended connections, the bonds that tie Seibo Gakuin and St Andrew's are now inextricably linked to the past, the present and the future," said Mrs Scala.

She added that the association is a tangible example of an important component of the school's vision – to offer an internationally focused curriculum that aims to develop in St Andrew's students an awareness of the intrinsic value of human diversity and the commonality of our humanity.

Throughout the week, the Japanese children were immersed in St Andrew's school life, sharing activities with Year 6 students, learning about our Aboriginal heritage, practicing their golf swing, climbing Mount Lofty summit, attending a bush dance and barbecue and making an Australian collage.

In return, they taught the Australian kids origami.

## St Columba concert to mark 10th Anniversary

Junior school students and teachers at St Columba College are hard at work excitedly putting together a variety show to celebrate the College's 10th Anniversary.

St Columba College is a unique joint venture school established in 1997 as an initiative of the Anglican and Catholic Archbishops of Adelaide.

Given the special occasion, the performance will deviate from past productions to take the variety show approach.

Key aspects of the students' schooling years at St Columba College will be celebrated through dance, drama, song, comedy and poetry.

The 10th Anniversary performance takes place on 26 September at the Starplex in Gawler, with a Matinee session at 12.noon and an Evening performance 6.30pm.

Tickets are on sale from the school on 8254 0600.

## Medieval Moments at Pedare

Year 9 students at Pedare Christian College tapped into medieval history in July when a fantastic Medieval Fair was held as part of the students' Society and Environment class.

Tables were set up and featured many creative student displays with a medieval theme – from housing to fashion, food and much more.

The students took the medieval theme a step further by showcasing their many talents in music and dance from that period in history.



## Pulteney play a big hit

The only thing big about Pulteney Grammar's chosen theatrical production for 2007, 'From little things...' was the success of the production itself.

Creatively packaged to encapsulate the "little" theme in all aspects of delivery, the production played out to packed audiences over three days in mid-August, with theatre-goers crammed into a 'little' venue seating just 90 people.

Most of the performers were 'little people' from Middle School, while the production featured a collection of 'little items' such as a puppet play, monologues, one-act plays, two dances, a film, and a selection of music theatre numbers to deliver variety, entertainment, drama and even some serious underlying social comment.

And to show just what is possible when 'little things grow', a number of staff and a parent played some surprising cameo roles!

## Hear the North Road Chapel Guild's call!

The North Road Chapel Guild has issued an invitation to all with a family connection to the North Road Cemetery to consider helping out with the care of the Chapel and keep a century-old tradition alive.

The Guild began some 102 years ago, shortly after the construction of the Chapel, when Miss Julia Farr and Mrs RF Leishman got together with a few friends to ensure the Chapel always had fresh flowers and that its brass-work always shone.

The nine women who set out all those years ago to carry out these duties three times a week paid the princely sum of 1/- for the privilege...with the funds being used to pay for stationery, postage for any notices sent and for the purchase of brass cleaner.

Today, the irregular meetings have been replaced by annual meetings, although not much else has changed. Those who gathered for the 2007 annual meeting reflected more or less the same number as those attending the inaugural meeting. They still undertake to keep fresh flowers in the Chapel and clean the brass. And they still pay a subscription for the pleasure – although inflation has pushed it up to \$5 in the current money!!

And they're still doing it as a labour of love, because they appreciate the importance of the Chapel to those who visit the North Road Cemetery.

Whether it's for a funeral service or to tend to the grave of a family member, the Chapel provides visitors with a quiet place for reflection and for recalling treasured memories of loved ones. The Napier Waller mosaic over the altar, depicting the Resurrection of Christ, lifts thoughts from death to eternal life and reminds mourners of our Christian faith.

The next annual meeting is scheduled for All Souls' Day on 2 November and follows the 10.00am service in the Chapel. Should you be interested in joining this labour of love, please contact the Secretary of the North Road Chapel Guild, Mrs Airlie Black, on 8344 3041.



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from the Assistant Bishop...

# Into the Great Silence: It's a scary journey

Recently Jennifer and I went to see the movie documentary, *Into The Great Silence*. It's a movie about being busy at going slow and keeping quiet and covers a year in the life of the Carthusian monks at the monastery at Grande Chartreuse in France.

St Bruno established the Carthusians in 1084 and it has now spread throughout the world. While their rules includes silence, scripture study and prayer, they do come together to eat, enjoy leisure time and speak on Sundays and feast days.

Interestingly, when the filmmaker first requested that he come to record their life 16 years ago, he was told it wasn't time. Thirteen years passed before he received a call from the monks to say the time had arrived, he was free to live with them and film their life but

only on condition that he observed the rules of the house.

Even though the film runs for almost three hours – and most of it is in silence – everyone stayed the distance at the screening I attended. I confess that a few of us – myself included – did nod off at times. We did a lot better than those who attended the same screening as Sr Juliana from the Sisters of the Incarnation, who told me half the audience had departed before the first hour was up.

You'll appreciate it's not your normal *Mission Impossible* type film but I was struck by a number of things. First, in the environment of the monastery, life slows right down. Sure, people are busy attending to everyday matters but it is as if time was being created in which to undertake the daily tasks. I renamed the film, *Into*

*the Great Slow*. Now if I tell my wife I have been mending my boot she knows immediately that I have slowed right down, I am looking after myself and will, hopefully, be a more sane and happier person for it.

The day after I saw the film I joined other clergy in a retreat led by Rockhampton Bishop Godfrey Fryar and was thrown into my own 'great silence' for three days. It was deafening! In the slow pace of retreat, I could actually stop, think, ponder, read and pray. Such a life is definitely unnatural and it is most assuredly counter cultural. I really enjoyed it but I have also known times when 'into the great silence' is a scary journey.

Jesus must have made the trip into the great silence often, for he was a true contemplative. Anyone who achieved as much as he did

had to be a contemplative.

Why? The answer is simple. Usually the contemplatives are the only ones left in our culture who have the capacity to attend to anyone or anything.

They are some of the few who are not driven by the market economy but by the voice of the living God. It was the great Reformer Martin Luther who said that he was so busy that if he didn't make time to pray for at least three hours a day he couldn't get it all done.

Those who dare to make the journey into the great silence will soon find that they are called into the great world for which Christ died and rose again. May God deliver us from 'into the big rush'.

+ Stephen



Bishop Stephen Pickard

## Look back in history: North Road Cemetery's Chapel of the Resurrection

The Chapel of the Resurrection's history dates back to 28 April 1905 when the then Bishop John Reginald Harmer, the third Bishop of Adelaide who served from 1895-1905, consecrated the Chapel and the final portion of land west of the Chapel and towards the North Road entrance.

The Chapel was built of stone and brick, leaded windows, arched principals and a roof of Marseilles tiles, and cost £699.

A major addition occurred in 1963 when a bequest of money was left to the cemetery by the family of the late Mr A Bohm to provide a mosaic memorial in the Chapel. Well-known architect Mr Dean Berry was asked to arrange for a mosaic – depicting the Christ at his Resurrection – to be designed and executed by Mr Napier Waller.

When completed at a cost of £890, it was placed over the altar in the Chapel.

The Venetian glass memorial mosaic was dedicated by Bishop Thomas Reed, the sixth Bishop of Adelaide, on All Souls Day (2 November) in 1965, when the Bishop also dedicated the new Columbarium that had been

constructed on the north side of the Chapel.

The artist, Mervyn Napier Waller, was born in 1893, began his studies at Melbourne's National Gallery School in 1913 and held his first exhibition of water-colours and drawings at the Victorian Artists Society in 1915.

Later that same year, he enlisted and, while serving in France, he was seriously wounded at Bullecourt in May 1917. With his right arm subsequently amputated at the shoulder, he learnt to write and draw with his left hand while convalescing in France and England.

During a visit to England and Europe in 1929 to study stained glass, he spent some time in Italy, where he was deeply impressed with mosaics in Ravenna and went on to study the art form in Venice.

One of his most noted works is the mosaics and stained glass for the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, which he worked on from 1952 to its 1958 completion.

Mr Napier Waller, who was appointed OBE in 1953 and CMG in 1959, died in 1972.



The Chapel of the Resurrection

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The South Australian Church Women's Jubilee 150 Trust is calling for applications for a grant to disadvantaged women who, because of lack of funds, are unable to undertake a course or purchase equipment which might benefit her or her family.

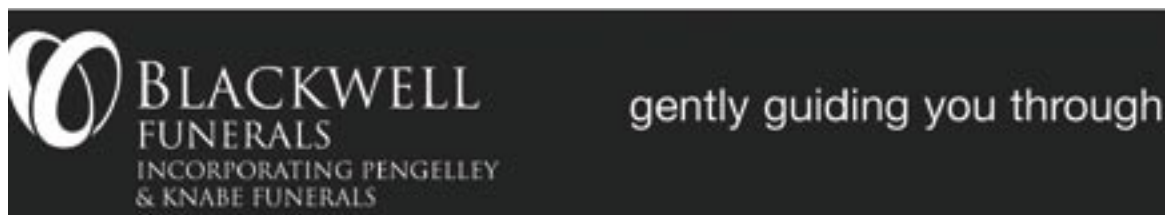
A single grant of limited funds will be made to the successful applicant who, while not necessarily a church attendee, will be sponsored by a Christian church body or individual office bearer of a Christian group.

In the past, grants have been awarded to, for

example, cover matriculation fees and books for a severely handicapped woman, provide sewing lessons to a single mother, assist with the cost of specialised computer equipment to allow a blind women to teach music and to purchase suitable clothing to enable a woman to present well at a job interview.

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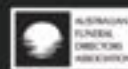
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# From the Bush to the 'Burbs

by the Reverend Rick Maude

After seven years in Lightning Ridge and 11 years in the bush, the Maude horde headed back to the big smoke in July to join the Anglican Church family of Tea Tree Gully.

Looking back, there were both highlights... and lowlights.

Perhaps the greatest highlight was becoming part of the lives of many in our congregation – from those who wanted to become followers of Jesus and spent time chatting with us in the pub, down a mine, on the tractor or even in makeshift camps while others drank schooners of wine and smoked a bong, to those in the drought-affected farming community touched by the church's loving care.

Some 86 farms benefited from Bush Church Aid (BCA) support through weekly fodder drops during 2002/3 and, through this physical help, God opened doors for offering the spiritual help of Jesus' love in suffering and the peace of God that rises above our material circumstances.

The underlying blessing in all of this has been the love and support of our marriage and family. Danielle and I are both far from perfect, but God impressed on us early the need to continually learn and grow closer together in marriage and signalled the benefits that this teamwork has in wider ministry. We recognised, too, the need to obey God's Word in parenting our kids, and focused on disciplining them and praying that

they remain strong and faithful servants of Jesus throughout their lives.

As for the lowlights, we had the sorrow of watching people walk away from Jesus to follow the ways of the world and we saw lives destroyed by drug and alcohol dependence or simply by the consequences of following atheism or materialism.

We felt the isolation, to the point of being physically and emotionally worn out and even questioning what good God could be achieving through us in the Ridge.

Yet through it all, we noted His hand at work, teaching us lessons we may never have learnt in a less harsh or isolated environment.

On the lighter side, we learnt to always keep the fuel tank full, to be flexible and to have a good sense of humour. We also learnt that the good bush driver NEVER trusts a sheep grazing peacefully by the roadside, and then doubles that mistrust for 'roos and emus!

So how will we adapt to city living? It's early days and we know there are adjustments ahead, but we know, too, that the important things will not change.

We will continue to trust Jesus to mature us as Christians and to work through our weaknesses. We will continue to teach His Word and encourage others to follow Him. For wherever we are, there will be people who desperately need to know that Jesus Christ died to pay the debt of their sin and



The Maude horde gets ready to head back to the big smoke. From left: Dylan, Rick, Raewyn, Jaryd, Danielle, Ashlyn and Rohan

bring them peace with God.

Until Jesus returns, there will always be work to do in His name – in the bush or in the 'burbs.

The original article was published in the Bush Church Aid Society's 'The Real Australian' Winter 2007 edition.

## events

### Tasty bush tales on menu at BCA Lunch

This year's annual Bush Church Aid (BCA) Lunch promises to be an occasion to remember, with guest speaker and new Rector of St Wilfrid's in Tea Tree Gully, the Reverend Rick Maude, reflecting on his seven years of ministry at Lightning Ridge and contemplating life in 'The Big Smoke'.

The lunch takes place on Friday 21 September at 12 noon at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 87 North Terrace, Adelaide, and costs \$12 per head for the hot meal.

For enquiries and bookings, please call either Ann (8364 0828) or Margaret (8332 3621).

### Adelaide Church Planting on 16 October

A series of Church Planting: Countdown & Launch! conferences will unfold across Australia in October, with the Adelaide event set for the Holy Trinity Church, 87 North Terrace, Adelaide, on Tuesday 16 October.

Led by the Reverend Stuart Robinson, the one-day conference will look at what is involved in launching a new church or congregation.

Stuart Robinson is the senior pastor of Chatswood Anglican Church in Sydney and serves part-time as the National Mission Facilitator for the Anglican General Synod in Australia. He has planted a number of churches in both inner city and suburban environments and, as an experienced trainer and consultant, he has worked with denominations and churches across Australia.

For more information on the Gospel Outreach Ministries-sponsored conferences, please call (02) 9980 9913.

### Three Cursillo weekends for 2008

Three Cursillo weekends have been planned for the Greater Adelaide area in 2008.

The Men's 22 Cursillo takes place at The Old House, Woodhouse, from 7-10 March, followed by the first Youth Cursillo – named Inbarendi – at the same venue from 17-20 April. The Women's 22, at Nunyara, Belair, from 24-27 April, completes the program.

A typical Cursillo weekend involves living together as a Christian community over three days and includes times of worship, reflection and healing, good fun, delicious food and plenty of singing. The participants are challenged to return to their communities as more effective agents for change for Jesus Christ.

For further information, please call the Diocesan Lay Director, Darrell Daulby, on 8377 5997, or visit [www.adelaide.anglican.com.au/links.htm](http://www.adelaide.anglican.com.au/links.htm) and then click on Cursillo SA.

### Provincial Celebration of the Martyrs of PNG

As the feast of the Papua New Guinea Martyrs falls on a Sunday this year, the Provincial Committee of the Anglican Board of Mission-Australia invites all to attend Evensong at St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 2 September at 7pm, followed by supper in the Cynthia Poulton Hall.



A combined Cursillo at the Monastery, Glen Osmond, over the June long weekend saw nine women and six men welcomed into the Cursillo Movement

This is a great opportunity to gather with Anglicans from the Province to give thanks for the faithfulness and brave witness of those who died in the Japanese invasion of PNG during World War II.

### Venetian splendour in North Adelaide

The splendour of Venice comes to North Adelaide next month when five of South Australia's finest brass players team up

with the St Peter's Cathedral Choir to deliver an afternoon of spectacular music that promises to transport you back to those heady Renaissance days.

The Splendour of Venice concert – under the direction of Leonie Hempton and featuring the choir and the Brass Quintet – takes place at St Peter's Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 9 September.

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# paras from the parishes

## KI and Warradale 'parish-swap' program

The Parishes of Kangaroo Island and Warradale have started a 'parish-swap' program to build relationships between the two parishes. The initiative follows a 2006 visit to Warradale by KI's priest, the Reverend Mark Evans to explain the work of Bush Church Aid (BCA) and culminated in a visit by Warradale to Kangaroo Island over the weekend of 28 and 29 April.

The wonderful weekend included fellowship activities on the Saturday evening when a meal was shared and Powerpoint presentations of each parish delivered, the combined Sunday morning worship and barbecue, sightseeing tours and visits and tastings of organic honey and sheep dairy products.

The Warradale folk look forward to hosting KI parishioners to a reciprocal visit later this year.



Bishop Ian George plants the commemorative rose. Looking on are, from left, the Right Reverend Marian Giles, Dr Bruce Thomson and Mr Peter Burford

Bishop Ian was the instigator of the project that saw the Car Park Aquifer and Rose Garden officially blessed and opened by the visiting Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr George Carey, on that July day back in 1997.

The car park and its water saving attributes was heralded as a world-first and subsequently drew many people from interstate and overseas, all keen to learn how waste run-off water could be used to sustain gardens and council parklands.

After the ceremony, Bishop Ian planted a commemorative rose in the Memorial Rose Gardens.

## St Aidan's congratulates editor on award

It's not often that news reporters are on the other side of the camera, so to speak, making the news themselves.

But that's just what has happened out at St Aidan's Parish in Payneham, where the editor of the parish's *On Service* newsletter, Kerry Martin, is the news as a recipient of the 2007 National Awards for Teaching Excellence

in School Music Education. Kerry is a specialist music teacher at St Francis Xavier's Regional Catholic School in Wynn Vale.

The awards recognise the recipients' exceptional contribution to enhancing the status and quality of music education in their schools and were announced by Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop on 7 July. Our congratulations to Kerry, who receives a \$5,000 grant to further her professional learning related to music education.

## St Cuthbert's wishes Ben Yengi God's Speed

The Parish of Prospect said goodbye to parishioner and one of Australia's first Sudanese refugees, Ben Yengi, this month after he and his family returned to Sudan to rebuild the village he fled in 1964.

Ben, his wife and two children plan to work among the community to encourage and establish sustainable farming practices and, at the same time, build a church, a hospital, a school and a chimpanzee orphanage.

The project is expected to cost about \$2-million, with the funds

coming from the not-for-profit organisation established by Ben, Kajojeji Australia Development Initiative, to help villages in a country occupying one of the lowest rankings on the poverty index.

We wish Ben and his family God's Speed.

## 'Week of Teaching' at St Jude's

The former Primate of Australia, the Right Reverend Keith Rayner, has delivered a series of addresses entitled 'Not Angels But Anglicans' at St Jude's, Brighton's annual 'Week of Teaching'.

The week commenced with a special Evensong on Sunday and closed with Eucharist the following Sunday.

During his nine addresses, Bishop Keith explored topics such as the historical development of Anglicanism from its beginnings to the present day and discussed problems, tensions and possible directions for Anglicanism in the 21st Century. Every talk was preceded or followed by a shared meal donated and prepared by parishioner groups such as the Sunday school, choir, mother's union, outreach, women's fellowship and parish council.

The parish appreciated Bishop Keith giving so generously of his retirement time.

## St Mary's on lookout for drivers

The Picket Fence Community Centre at St Mary's Parish is urgently seeking two drivers for its community bus service. A standard car license is all you need to drive the 12-seater bus and help out with collecting community members who attend an evening meal at the Picket Fence.

You'll be required to help out every fourth Wednesday, from 4.30pm to 9.00pm and are most welcome to share the meal. Please call Nereda on 8374 2522 if you're able to assist.

## Wow! Winter in China



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The Reverends Mark Evans of Kangaroo Island, left, and Jeff Oake of Warradale discuss the successful swap

## St Elizabeth's celebrates car park anniversary

St Elizabeth of Hungary, Oaklands Park held a special morning service – conducted by Bishop Ian George – on Sunday 29 July to celebrate the 10th anniversary of world's first environmentally friendly car park.

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# In the shade of Sudan's trees

The Diocese of Rumbek in southern Sudan has 175 parishes, two church buildings and 173 trees.

During the latest 21 years of war, many areas of the region were devastated, with Rumbek regularly changing hands and all buildings – including all churches and schools – destroyed. The people of the area fled their homes and fields to live in the bush, far away from the roads along which the armies moved.

The church moved with them and experienced enormous growth. The message of the Gospel spoke to them in fresh and attractive ways when they were cut off from all the usual supports of life and the trees under which they gathered to share their lives in mobile, fragile and uncertain communities became sacred places in which they met God.

Church buildings will be built – but they will need to be large! In Rumbek 10 new church buildings will be erected during this year through the work of Samaritans Purse, an American-based church aid agency which also organises the Christmas Shoe Boxes. Some cover is needed because when the tropical rain does fall even the huge trees provide little shelter. But the trees provide a wonderful symbol of the church in Sudan. They are an embracing space which reaches out to include all who come to shelter there – but the real life and growth comes from the interaction of those who come to share time and space beneath the branches.

In the Diocese of Yirol – also devastated by war – a large banyan tree from India stands as another powerful symbol of the church in southern Sudan. The tree was brought to Sudan as a seedling over 100 years ago by the first Anglican missionaries to the Dinka people and is named after the leader of that mission. The 'Archdeacon Shaw Tree' is huge, allowing more than

**The Reverend Paul Mitchell of the Anglican Parish of Hawthorn, who recently returned from a visit to Sudan, reflects on the African expression of being Anglican and what we can learn from it.**

1,000 people to gather under its branches with ease.

Archdeacon Shaw came to this place in 1901 and persevered despite the illness of his companions and orders to abandon the mission post (which he ignored). The first baptism came after 10 years of sharing the Gospel. The seedling began to grow and become part of the local landscape, drawing in the local soil and atmosphere and becoming something new – an African Banyan Tree ... an African expression of being Anglican.



Rumbek Cathedral is little more than seating under an enormous tree



Worshippers gather in front of the Archdeacon Shaw Tree in Yirol

The church of the missionaries – in which the people were recipients of something which was brought to them – is fading as the people of Sudan have taken more responsibility for their own lives as a church. All 24 Bishops in the Episcopal Church of Sudan are Sudanese. There are a few 'ex-pats' who help to build capacity in areas in which the church is still developing but the mission of the church and the message of the church are shared through the local context.

And, in the best possible way, the church in Sudan has the opportunity to become missionary for other parts of the world, even for us. Their experience of faith forged through the trials of war and suffering, their experience of steadfastness

in the face of persecution, their experience of vibrant joyful thankfulness offered to God in celebration of life (as opposed to celebration of material riches and success), their passion and worship pulsating to the beat of drums played with enthusiasm ... all these are messages of faith and expressions of the Gospel through which the church of Sudan can be a blessing to us – if they will speak and we will listen.

Some of the people of Sudan may come here to share these things. Who might we also send there to hear them? In September 2008 the next Archbishop's Pilgrimage will connect with the people of Sudan – will we be inspired enough to send and support some of our young people so that they will hear a message for us?

## Australia must do more to help with humanitarian crisis in Iraq – NCCA

Australia must use its position as a coalition member and an influential player on the world stage to address the humanitarian crisis in Iraq and its neighbouring countries.

That's the message from the Reverend John Henderson, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), who used the recently held 6th NCCA National Forum to call on member churches to do everything in their power to urge the Australian Government and other governments to assist refugees, particularly Christians who have been singled out for persecution in the Middle East, by providing financial assistance and granting humanitarian and other visas.

"Iraq is haemorrhaging. We must recognise that there is a grave and escalating humanitarian crisis to be addressed. Not since 1948 has the Middle East seen so many people forced to flee their homes," said Mr Henderson.

There are now at least two million internally displaced Iraqis and another two million Iraqi refugees who have fled to neighbouring states. Moreover, this mass exodus shows no sign of abating.

The NCCA also urged Australians to pray for Christians and other minorities being persecuted in Iraq, especially as we celebrate Refugee and Migrant Sunday on the last Sunday of August.

## Clergy on the Move

The Reverend Richard Maude was commissioned as Priest in Charge of Tea Tree Gully on 27 July (see story page 6).

The Reverend Peter Balabanski was commissioned to the Parish of Stirling on 4 August.

The Reverend Ken Whitelock has been appointed to Port Adelaide and Alberton and will be

commissioned on 30 August at St Paul's, Port Adelaide.

The Reverend Simon Bailey has been appointed to Glen Osmond and a commissioning date will be announced shortly.

The date for the Ordination of new clergy this year will be 1 December, celebrating St Andrew. Details will follow closer to the time.

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