



What does Easter mean to me?

Bishop Godfrey recently asked this of members of the Gladstone Ministry Leadership Team, here are some responses.

My journey this Lent has come to a halt at the story of the Prodigal Son. It has left me searching my experience of the Father's love and retelling the story within my own context to find new metaphors that speak to me of unconditional love. As I explore Jesus' experience of the cross, I am reminded of failure, lost opportunities, lost hope, pain of loss, lack of compassion and times of grief. But I am also reminded that constant through all this was the love of the Father, in whom Jesus put his total trust and surrendered his life. That love, between Father and Son, I can hardly comprehend and yet it was complete and the Father welcomed Jesus back to Himself. In that gift of giving love, we also, have received from God in abundance. So this Easter I intend to celebrate with joy the unconditional love of a Father who loves me so much that he allowed his Son to die for me!



Lyn Baldwin



"We are the Easter people, alleluia is our song", Pope John Paul II proclaimed in his Easter message in 2000. Without Easter we would not know about Jesus. If His story had ended with His Crucifixion, He most likely would have been forgotten as a Jew crucified in Roman history. *The significance of Easter is that God raised Jesus.* Marcus J Borg quotes in one of his books that God has said 'yes' to Jesus and 'no' to the powers who executed him. Easter is God's "yes" to Jesus against the powers who killed. *Easter affirms that the domineering systems of this world are not of God and that they do not have the final word.*

For the past 4 years I had the most difficult time in my life, it was total depression. I was completely rejected by everyone; In this total rejection, I lived as a dead person, but God raised me from this death bed, through the Bishop and the people of God.

So for me Easter means God's great clean up of the world has begun but it will not happen without us. God has raised us in order to raise others, to break the bondage, to deliver them from their fear of life, and to bring joy to the sorrowful people.

Easter is a Divine call to the people of God, to share the joy with others, to bring his people back to his love, to see the crying laughing, to accept everyone without any difference in colour, creed, nation, and language.

St Augustine says that we without God cannot, and God without us will not. So you are the person who God is longing for...

Daniel Paulraj

It's a gobstopper!

He loved me t-h-i-s much that he stepped down into humanity and obeyed the Father's Will (even unto death) for me (and you too!). His life sacrificed so that I could spend eternity worshipping in His glorious love. Even in my rank sinfulness, He came close, and graciously offered me a life filled with hope and such joyous love.

Jesus himself must have grappled with what He had to face. He was ridiculed, rejected, and misunderstood. But he still set out with determination, knowing what he faced - on the journey to Jerusalem. Convinced that I was worth it! WOW !!

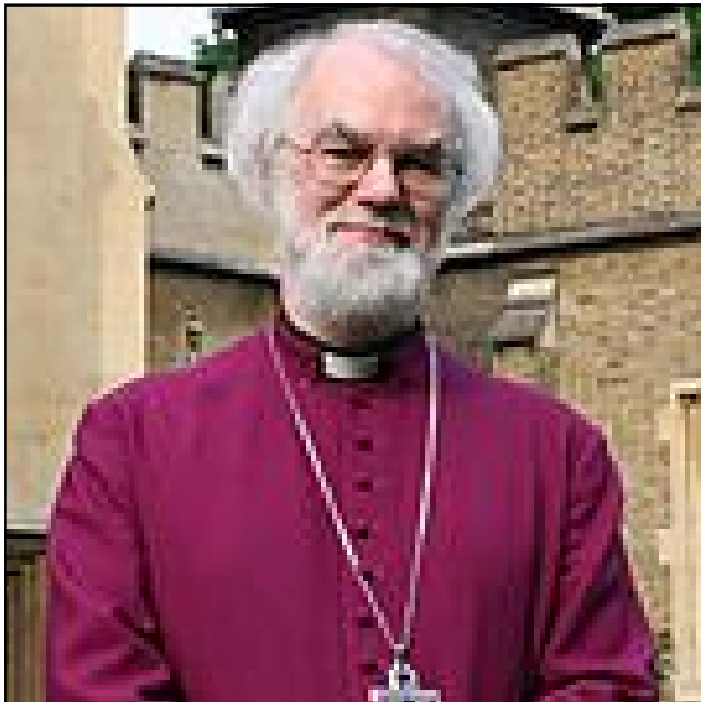
AND he didn't leave me to find my own way. His Holy Spirit guides me and transforms me as long as I'm willing to obey His Will. AND He is RISEN! He is ALIVE! He will come again and we will join Him - what blessed joy!



Yvonne Kamholz

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S EASTER MESSAGE TO THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION



When St John tells us that the disciples met behind locked doors on the first Easter Day (John 20.19), he reminds us that being associated with Jesus Christ has never been easy or safe. Today this is evident in a wide variety of situations – whether in the terrible communal violence afflicting parts of Nigeria, in the butchery and intimidation of Christians in Mosul in recent weeks, in the attacks on the Coptic faithful in Egypt, or in the continuing

harassment of Anglican congregations in Zimbabwe. As we mark the thirtieth anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador, we acknowledge that Christians will never be safe in a world of injustice and mindless fear, because Christians will always stand, as did Archbishop Romero, for the hope of a different world, in which the powerful have to let go of privilege and rediscover themselves as servants, and the poor are lifted up into joy and liberty.

This hope is rooted in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. His rising from the dead shows the world that death does not have the last word – whether the death of love, the death of security, even physical death itself. On the first day of the week, the first day of the new creation, God walks once again in the garden and begins to re-shape the whole world of our experience and our possibilities; the Second Adam wakes under the tree of the cross and promises fresh life, freedom and forgiveness, to the entire human world.

Wherever fear prevails, this promise will be seen as dangerous. But people still have the courage to identify themselves as Christians because they know that the resurrection demonstrates that Jesus is beyond all human power and violence, that ‘all authority in heaven and on earth’ is given to him (Matthew 28.18). The Christian may suffer and die witnessing to this truth, but death itself cannot extinguish the abiding power of Christ to transform and renew; the martyr knows this and fixes his or her eyes on that joyful vision.

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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 Rod McLary, on **07 3835 2266**.

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We who live in more comfortable environments need to bear two things in mind. One is that fellow-Christians under pressure, living daily with threats and murders, need our prayers and tangible support – by personal contact, by continually reminding our governments and media of these things. To a Christian experiencing these threats, it matters more than most of us could imagine simply to know that they are not alone and not forgotten. But the second point to remember is that we need to keep our own fears in perspective. It is all too easy, even in comfortable and relatively peaceful societies, for us to become consumed with anxiety about the future of Church and society.

We need to witness boldly and clearly but not with anger and fear; we need to show that we believe what we say about the Lordship of the Risen Christ and his faithfulness to the world he came to redeem.

The world will not be saved by fear, but by hope and joy. The miracle of the joy shown by martyrs and confessors of the faith is one of the most compelling testimonies to the gospel of Jesus. In whatever way we can, we must seek to communicate this joy, however dark or uncertain the sky seems.

All authority belongs to Jesus, and into his wounded hands is placed the future of all things in heaven and earth. To him be glory for ever.

+Rowan Cantuar

VIOLENT ATTACK ON THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF EL SALVADOR

“The Episcopal Church of El Salvador denounces before the general public and the international community the murder attempt that Bishop Barahona and two of his closest collaborators suffered.

On Wednesday March the 17th Bishop Barahona, along two of his closest working partners, was victim of the violence that has held this country imprisoned. An unknown man, without saying anything, shot at them. The bullets hit the bishop’s driver, Francis Martínez, who is now hospitalized. Meanwhile, the bishop, thanks be to God, was unharmed.

What is odd about these events is that the police were just a couple of meters away. As the Episcopal Church, we are dismayed by this inexplicable fact. The bishop is a pastor whose principal function is to accompany spiritually the faithful who seek his advice and solace.

We lament profoundly this fact, as do many Salvadorans, who are victims of violence and impunity. We ask everyone’s prayers that hope in a different El Salvador is not lost and that this event is not a sign of persecution of the church.

The Most Rev’d Martín Barahona, 67 years old, has been the Bishop of the Anglican Church of El Salvador since 1992 and he is the Primate of the Anglican Communion in Central America (IARCA). This church is one of the historical churches, characterized by its prophetic accompaniment of the national reality.”

*Statement from the Diocese of
El Salvador.*

RETIREMENT

After serving 10 years as Secretary successively to Bp Ron Stone and Bp Godfrey Fryar, Dawn Wheeler is to lay up her computer and will retire at the end of May.

Dawn has made a great contribution to the life of the Diocese of Rockhampton. We will formally farewell Dawn in May.

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How much is Easter a symbol of the greater Christian journey! I’m referring here to the process of letting go of the things we need to and allowing more of God to control and fill our lives. For me there is a constant and continual cycle of identifying patterns of selfish choices, dying to those things and rising to new life. I’ll admit that sometimes it is a long and excruciating death, but the void left by these things and the surpassing life and joy that they are replaced with is always worth the desert part of the journey. As our new life carries us further up and the further into Christ, the more we see our sin and our need for repentance and so the cycle continues. The cycle does not seem (from my limited experience) to get easier, but harder the longer we travel. Yet as I trust God more, I find that He is more trustworthy.

Steven Vercoe



2010 Lay Retreat.

**This year’s Retreat at the
‘Haven’, Emu Park, from
November 12th - 14th**

**The Retreat will be conducted
by Bishop Bill Ray of North
Queensland Diocese**

**Early bookings will be
essential.**

**Please contact Dawn Wheeler
on 4922 6755 or
dawn@anglicanroc.org.au**

Obituary

On 21 February a Service of Thanksgiving was held for the life of Royce Sturgess, who had been a very faithful parishioner at Wandal for over sixty years. Royce died in his 90th year on 17 February. He had been anointed on Shrove Tuesday and died on Ash Wednesday with the ash cross on his forehead.



Royce and Beryl were married in the old St Luke's Church building over 60 years ago and it was then that Royce started attending St Luke's. Shortly afterwards he was confirmed. During the years he served on Parish Council for very many years and was Church Warden for over twenty years. He was also a Synod representative and at one time was Assistant Secretary for Synod. In the days of the annual Fete and Flower Show he was the organizer.

Amazingly he was still carrying out light duties until just before Christmas – ringing the bell, taking up the collections, being steward and gardening.

Royce, who had been a well-known Dentist, was a good living, highly respected gentleman, which was exemplified by the large number of people who attended his funeral.

May you rest in Peace, Royce.

The Bishop David Hand Memorial Trust Fund

For the Mission and Ministry of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea



The Fund

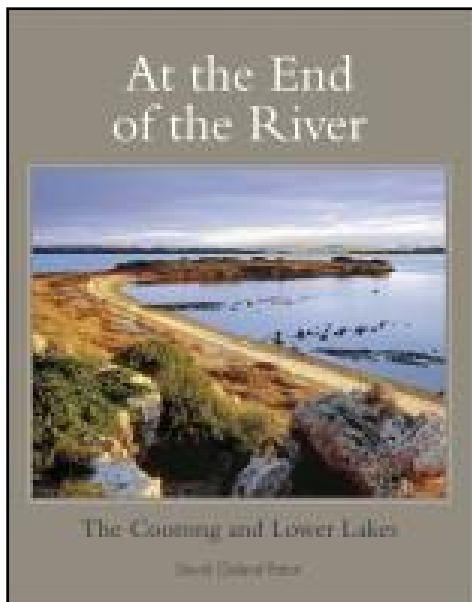
Bishop David Hand, who died in 2006, was a pivotal figure in the life of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, becoming the first Archbishop of the newly independent Church in 1977, and remaining a strong and charismatic leader of the church until the time of his death. Building the Church and expanding the mission of God to all the people of that country were significant of Bishop David.

The Bishop David Hand Memorial Trust Fund has been established by the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM), in consultation with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, to establish an ongoing source of income for the mission of the Anglican Church to the people of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Managed by ABM, donations to the Fund will be invested through Australian financial entities, and the income from the Fund will be available to the Church for use along established guidelines to support the ministry of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea, including theological education and training, and support for clergy and catechists.

ABM Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Book Review



David Cleland Paton is one of Australia's most knowledgeable ecologists and he captures the threatened beauty of these internationally significant wetlands at the thirsty lower reaches of Murray River in *At the End of the River: The Coorong and Lower Lakes*,

The book is packed with more than 200 colour photos which the publisher describes it as "a rare combination of poetry and science that sings."

Paton traces the heart-breaking implications of over-allocation of Murray River water throughout the twentieth century. He says that while, for some Australians, the Coorong region provides an all-embracing connection to tradition and place, for most "it is simply a distant place out of sight, out of mind."

Paton laments Australia's inability to provide environmental flow to the Coorong wetlands but insists that it is still not too late to make a difference provided that we act quickly. He says: "As every year passes without delivery of environmental flows then the opportunities to secure these wetlands diminish. As such, these wetlands are the barometer for how well Australia and Australians learn to live sustainably in a landscape with a harsh climate and poor soils. The future of these wetlands will tell the story."

The book's beauty is accentuated with personal accounts by twenty contributing writers who share a

passion for the wetlands. These vignettes include a tribute written by Australian author Colin Thiele who inscribed the Coorong region on Australian consciousness with his 1963 children's book *Storm-Boy* in which the boy forms a strong bond with one of the pelicans which he names Mr Percival.

Fiona Paton says that Colin Thiele's description of the Coorong landscape and its birdlife contributed to Thiele becoming renowned as one of its greatest advocates. In an interview shortly before his death in 2006, Colin Thiele said: "For God's sake we need to realise what a treasure we have here...Don't damage it. Let us hand it on to our children, and our children's, children, down the centuries."

David Cleland Paton is head of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Adelaide.

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Bishop Halford remembered

My parents and four children moved to Queensland in 1924 as my father had drawn a block of land at Monto in the Upper Burnett.

I was the youngest being five months old, my father had built a humble dwelling with an earthen floor and roof and walls of corrugated iron. When I was about three years old I remember peeping out from behind my mothers skirts at this strange man sitting up in the sulky.

To a shy little bush girl he cut a daunting figure. The early settlers looked forward to these visits.

Bishop Halford returned to Monto in the early thirties to live. He lived in a tent on the bank of a lagoon on my fathers farm. This was where the P.E.I. had its camp. There were a number of married families with children living there. The 12 mile cattle dip was here hence it was referred to as the Dip. My mother would always send me over with eggs milk and cream in a flour bag. I was always careful to check out his kitchen area from my hiding spot in the grass. If there was no movement about I would rush in, put the goods on the table and run as fast as my short legs would carry me, I never forgot the picture of my early childhood of the Bishop in his sulky. The Bishop later moved to Brisbane.

*Contributed by Daphne Engel,
Keppel Parish*



ABM Missionaries reunion in Adelaide

On Monday 15th March an amazing collection of people gathered at St Saviour's, Glen Osmond, South Australia.

About eighty all told, forty-three from SA and others from all over Australia and even from the UK, they were men and women who had served as missionaries or volunteers supported by the Anglican Board of Mission.

Messages and greetings came from another forty-eight, who had been unable to come through age, ill health or some other reason. As someone commented, the collective term of service of those present would be almost a millennium! It was a time of catching up with old and new friends and compatriots and swapping reminiscences – a celebration of having shared in a unique and valued experience.

A series of short accounts by some of those present, 'A Mosaic of Mission' highlighted some experiences of the mission in which they had been privileged to work. Ranging from a tale of a menacing swarm of bees to a theological reflection on God's purpose and plan in the call to mission, they covered different aspects of mission

work in Northern Australia, PNG, Polynesia, Africa, Korea, Melanesia and Laos.

Fr John Cottier, who with his wife Judy had been part of the 'first contact' mission work in Simbai in the PNG highlands, spoke of their delight on returning to Simbai some 30 years later and meeting Bishop Nathan Ingen - and priests, teachers and leaders of the PNG community - who had all come from Simbai.

In answer to the question, 'Was it all worth it?' the answer was a resounding 'Yes!' both to those who went and to the people they went to.

Members of the ABM Board, Judy Cottier, Joy Freier and Bishop Garry Weatherill, asked people to take time to write down their stories so that they could be collected and not lost.

Looking to the future, Chris Peters from ABM spoke of work in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu in which ABM is currently engaged.

Today instead of sending missionaries ABM's policy is to provide support to indigenous ministry and community development. A collection taken up on the day was offered to assist payment of school fees for the children of indigenous clergy in Papua New Guinea.

Contributed by Sybil Pawley



THINKING ABOUT YOUR WILL?

You can assist our Diocese by supporting the ministry of the Bishop.

The See Endowment Fund provides a vital source of support for the ministry of the Bishop to the Diocese's clergy and people.

Bequests should be worded:

"I bequeath to the Corporation of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton for the purpose of The See Endowment Fund ..."

Around the Parishes

THE WESTERN RUN

As we dropped down from the peak of the Drummond Range and headed further west, my spirits rose. Instead of the parched, dry land I had seen on previous visits, spread out before us was a wonderful expanse of green, occasionally smudged with deep purple shadows from the retreating monsoon clouds, and merging to lively blues on the horizon. Fast flowing creeks and wide brown running rivers replaced the usual dry gullies, wetlands already filling with birdlife, appeared unheralded by the roadside, and green grasses grew long, joyously incongruent with the stunted mimosa.

First stop on Saturday morning was St Mark's, Alpha, where the church air conditioner was already running, and Gail and Vicky had plates of sandwiches and a cuppa for after worship. We shared the Eucharist and then the local news before taking a photo and heading off again. At Jericho that afternoon, I sat on the front steps reading for a while, waiting for the congregation to arrive. One fan and one light worked as Sissy, Elaine and her dog Lu joined me for the first Anglican service in the church this year. As I signed the register, I thanked God for our Bishop who had conducted two out of the total of three worship services at Jericho last year.

The strong, shocking colours of our land made a vibrant palette as we headed into the setting sun towards Barcaldine, the areas of deep orange soil, tall fresh green grasses attempting to hide a myriad of red anthills, deep brown grasses left hanging on fences where the flood waters had receded, and brim-full dams reflecting the clear blue skies.

Sunday morning worship at St Peter's Barcaldine was a great joy. It had been 10 years since I was last there, when we had taken the "Jesus 2000" Millennium Module around the Diocese. Trish and Kevin, stalwarts of the parish, greeted me with love and joy, and I was delighted to find amongst the congregation, teenage Madeline, whom I knew as a small child at Holy Spirit Church Capella. The Gazettes, prayer diaries and messages of greeting and prayer from Rockhampton were passed on to the congregation, and I also gifted the parish with seasonal worship leaflets to assist the conduct of Morning Prayer. In expressing his thanks, Parish Administrator Kevin Kerr, said that it was the continuing

support from various people and in various ways in the Diocese which gave the parish so much hope and encouragement.

After a congregational cuppa in the vestry, with one of the best chocolate slices I have ever tasted (did anyone say Lent?), and conversation about the effects of the flooding, we headed 65 km north for St George's Aramac. Here was country Queensland, with cattle and emus either side of unfenced road, and even the police cars gave the country road salute to the few oncoming cars. Once again, it had been some time since the congregation at Aramac had shared the Eucharist, so Margaret had mowed the large church lawn the previous afternoon, Sybil and Tim had asked their Meals-on-Wheels deliverer to put their lunch straight in the fridge for them, and Nancy had travelled 150km just to get to church, 50km further than usual because of the big wet. We shared news of roads and weather and health, because fuel is expensive and gatherings of Christians are precious.

On Monday I made the extra 100km trip to Longreach to call at the Rectory and catch up with Revd Alan Lamb, and see the local sights, and then we headed back to Rockhampton, a round trip of just over 1,600 km.

Some asked me why – why do I and other clergy take turns with Bishop Godfrey to spend such time, to travel such distances, for four services and so few people? On a human level, the answer is in the concepts and realities of fellowship, friendship, support, caring, sharing resources, being Anglicans together, being part of this Diocese. On a theological level, the answer is in the profound nature and blessing of being the Body of Christ, in remembering that Jesus travelled the incredible, unfathomable distance from Divinity to humanity to offer to us his hand and his love. It is such a privilege to take a couple of days to travel west and offer a hand of friendship, and give and receive a blessing of love with Anglicans doing it tough, and yet doing it ever so faithfully, in the western areas of the Diocese.

Canon Janne Whitehead



EUCHARIST AT THE REDLICH CHAPEL

Every Wednesday at 12.30pm a Eucharist is celebrated in the Chapel of Vivian Redlich and the New Guinea Martyrs at Kershaw House, Glenmore Road, North Rockhampton.

Any who are able are encouraged to come.

The Chapel can be accessed through the front doors of Kershaw House.



LONGREACH

Recently we sadly farewelled Robyn Hayward who has been an organist at Andrew's for many years. We wish her and her husband, Bill all the best as they settle in Brisbane near their family [Photograph attached - Robyn 4th from left beside Canon Alan Lamb and some of the congregation at St. Andrew's, Longreach]. The Parish A.G.M. resulted in most positions being filled by the "old faithful". Whilst we are greatly appreciative what the people put in, it would be encouraging to have some more of the parishioners attend the A.G. M.

The Uniting Church hosted the World Day of Prayer this year and Rev. Jeanette Gillam gave a very interesting picture of life in the Cameroons. Some Anglicans took part in the service, along with members of the Salvation Army, Baptist and Roman Catholic Churches. Our Community Choir did its usual great job.

The Ladies Guild had a bumper Garage Sale due to Jean Nicholson cleaning out her house for sale. Another Garage Sale is planned as the Hall is still well stocked. Their A.G.M. had the same office bearers elected, but sadly we expect to lose the Dawes, too, which means the chair [plus a pair of very strong



shoulders behind her] will be vacant. Our prayers and best wishes are with the candidates being prepared for Confirmation on Easter Day.

Contributed by Eva Tindall

Cathedral

It was St Paul's turn to host the World Day of Prayer Service on 5th March. Prepared by the women of the West African country of Cameroon, with the theme of "Let everything that hath breath Praise God", the Worship was led by women from the various denominations that make up the local World Day of Prayer Committee.

Those who attended received great insight into the way of life, the challenges, needs and achievements of the people of Cameroon, especially the women and children.

As said in the Litany of Praise, "In the Cameroonian context people praise God even in, or especially during, difficult times in their lives. As long as one has breath, there is hope".

The guest speaker was King Tshuma, recently arrived from Zimbabwe. Mai and Ivi sang with him in Cameroon style at the beginning and end of his address.

The service was very well attended.

Morning Tea followed – then a heavy shower of rain!

Fr Mike Vercoe is currently serving as locum in the parish, and we welcome him and Pam, his ministry and wisdom and experience amongst us.

Contributed by Noelle Frazer

Clermont

A big thank you from Clermont

The congregations of All Saints', Clermont and Holy Spirit, Capella would like to thank all for your prayers.

You would have seen a picture of our new Priest Fr John Coleman and his lovely wife Margaret in the February/March Gazette.

We give God our thanks and praise for John and Marg. they are a devoted couple and are enriching our lives already by their ministry and love.

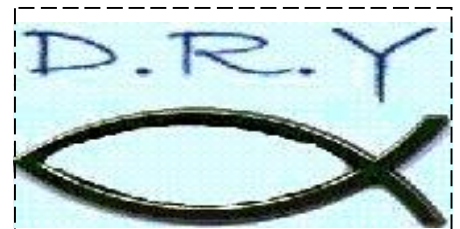
We would also like to thank again Bishop Godfrey, Bishop Alf, Revd. Judy Edgar, Revd Canon Janne Whitehead, and Dean Chris Whittall who visited us over the last nine months, your thoughtfulness, support and love was greatly appreciated, Gods Blessings to you all.

Bishop Godfrey we thank you so much for all your help.

The Lord has also blessed us with some wonderful rain and the country here is looking very good.

Our Easter Services included a Combined Churches Service on Good Friday which took us from church to church.

Contributed by Pauline Riley



Diocesan Youth Camps for 2010

Youth Camps will be held on the weekends of 25 -28 June and 10-13 December.

Mark Gladman has been invited to be the speaker at the June camp. Mark is from Toowoomba.

Further details from Revd Steven Schwarzrock

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Commissioning of Reverend Tom Slockee as the Canon Missioner for the Northern Territory Diocese

“I will hold your people in my heart”

A lovely, beautiful, uplifting service is how many people described the service as about 70 Aboriginal and other Australian people gathered to celebrate the commissioning and to rejoice that God has spoken and has led both Tom and his wife Muriel to be part of God’s plan for the Northern Territory.

Aboriginal people gather every Sunday at 6.30pm at St James Anglican Church and the Commissioning Service was held with the congregation of the Indigenous Worship and Fellowship on the Sunday 14th March 2010.

It was a great gathering with the clergy robed in white, people from the community and the Aboriginal people of the Indigenous Worship and Fellowship in bright colours praising God in the Highest.

Tom’s ministry is supported by BCA, ABM, National Home Church Mission Fund and Parishes from Diocese of Canberra / Goulburn and Dioceses of Sydney and Melbourne. Brian Roberts spoke of the BCA sponsorship and confidence in Tom. BCA has been supporting Tom in his ministry for Aboriginal people at Mogo/Batemans Bay NSW. Brian also prayed the BCA prayer for Tom and Muriel.

Bishop Greg Thompson spoke of the compassion, grace and love of God from the story of the prodigal son. The message was that forgiveness, not holding any hard or bad feelings, about not judging, about accepting and welcoming back the one who turns around is the way God works.

Bishop Greg Thompson and The Dean, Revd Jeremy Greaves spoke the word of commissioning and Tom's reply of “I do and I will” seemed short but they mean so much to God, the Church and for Aboriginal people.

Gifts of rich and significant symbolic meaning were presented to Revd Canon Tom. Presented to Tom was the original Bible use by Barnabas Roberts which was recovered and preserved and this Bible remains an important reminder of the early days of Christian mission, a rock, a coolamon, a woomera, a cross and a Kriol Baibul (The first full translation of the Bible into an Aboriginal language. A Bible that celebrates the survival of Aboriginal language as a living reality in contemporary society. Pauline also presented a beautiful painting of our Lord transfiguration.

Tom’s words were; As I share life and time with you, be my teacher and guide. I will never stop learning. Show me how to hunt and gather. That might be hunting (looking) pursuing God in your midst, in your country. It might be gathering the spiritual knowledge and understand that has come down through the ages. I am willing to sit with you in the hot and dry and dusty places, in the wet and muddy places, in the community, in the towns, in the camps. I will listen, I will do and teach. I am here to serve.

Tom symbolically washed the hands of Aboriginal Christian Elder and Leader Didamain Uibo and Bishop Greg as a sign of a willingness to serve (ref 2 Kings 3;11)

There was singing and worshiping in an Aboriginal style and language as well as hymns like “How great thou art” and “What a friend we have in Jesus” and the night ended with the call of Christ on all of us. “Whom shall I send, here I am Lord, it is I Lord, I have heard you calling in the night, I will go Lord if you send me I will hold your people in my heart.”

If you are interested to learn more on role of the Canon Missioner, Revd Tom Slockee, in the Northern Territory please contact Bishop Greg Thompson in the Diocesan Office on 08 8941 7440.

