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ORDINATION AT AGNES WATER

The Revd Helen Rinaldis shares her Ordination thoughts:

What an experience! When I first felt the call to a **vocation, I thought, "Ok, if that's what you want God, I'll do it."** Then there was the study - like a whole new language. I even managed a distinction in there somewhere. It was good to have finished the Uni course, but the real angst began when I received a three-page email from Caroline (thank you?). Oohaah this was really happening. I would not have opted out, but things were taking a very serious track and I was struck by the enormity of it. Steven (thank you) and I organised the practical side of things, but the terror/fear/trepidation remained. We had no phone for a week! I went on

retreat to Tanyalla (oh, the memories). Thank you John, Jennie and David. Those three people **together with God's Holy Spirit, and the lovely** beach walks calmed me somewhat. Then it was back home for final preparations and my family came -yaaaay. Bishop Godfrey (and Bronwyn) put **us all at ease. 'We'll just do this and then this, etc.'** Thank you both for your relaxed attitude to an event which has made a profound change to my walk with the Lord. The evening itself was spectacular. I was thrilled to have the presence of family and friends. Especially those who travelled a great distance: My sister, Wendy, and her husband and Mike Vercoe from Victoria. Friends from the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Hervey Bay. My Christan family from Biloela, especially Elaine. Family members from Gympie and the Sunshine Coast. It was amazing. I was pleased to have two students from my school present me with symbols of my ministry there. Many people have told me how touched they were by the service. What great outreach! Our editor of the local paper held over the front page for the service. The photo and text **was under the heading 'In the Service of the Lord'. This is a great testament, as us** Christians are fairly thin on the ground at Agnes Water. Even when I went back to school, **I don't think that my feet were touching the** ground. Jet lag from a Perth wedding may **have had a little to do with that! I've since** conducted my first Baptism and am looking forward to doing a memorial service. Praise God for His grace, mercy and goodness to me.



BATHURST AGREES TO TRI-DIOCESAN "PARTNERSHIP"

The Anglican Diocese of Bathurst has agreed to a **structural "partnership" with two other Anglican Dioceses**, covering the ACT and most of NSW. The decision was made on 24-25 September by Synod representatives of Anglican Diocese of Bathurst. The agreement is between the Dioceses of Canberra-Goulburn, Bathurst and Riverina, and was already approved by the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn earlier this month.

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A Message from the Bishop



Farewell to Canon Janne and Chris Whitehead

Dear Friends,

November 2011

There are moments in the life of any Diocese when the departure of particular people have an impact beyond the parish in which they last served. Last month we said farewell to Canon Janne Whitehead and her husband Chris. Janne was in the first group of women ordained Deacon in 1987 and Priest in 1992, and as such **was a pioneer in women's ministry in Central Queensland. She was appointed by Bishop Stone as a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral in 2002, and in recognition of her service in the Diocese I have appointed her as Canon Emeritus, which is a title for life.**

Janne served in the parishes of Gladstone, Clermont, Emerald and Wandal and was also well known beyond these places. Her husband Chris made his own unique contribution in using his building skills to great effect in many parishes, as well as at the Diocesan offices and at Lis Escop.

Janne has been very much a person of the Diocese as a whole, serving in, amongst other capacities, as an Examining Chaplain and member of Bishop in Council. I will greatly miss her contribution in these areas, and as for her efficiency as a Clerical Secretary at Synod, she was a legend!

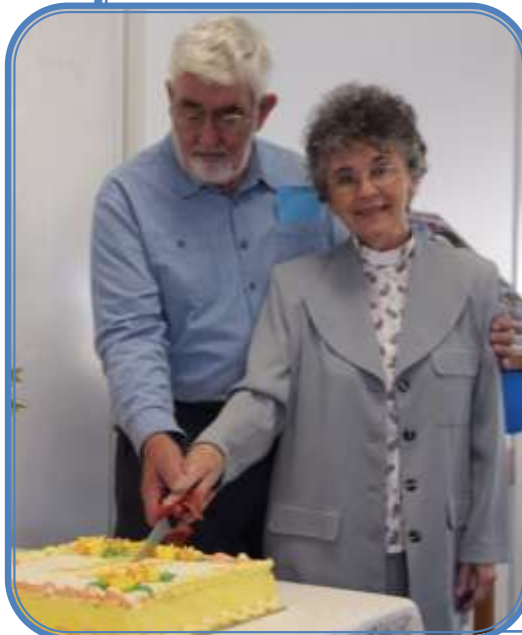
Though she has now moved to Gayndah in the Diocese of Brisbane

we will regard her as 'on leave' from this Diocese, as I know she and Chris will eventually return to retire at their beloved house at Calliope.

I would particularly like to thank Janne for the great loyalty she unfailingly gave to me as her Bishop, and I know she did the same for Bishop George Hearn and Bishop Ron Stone my predecessors.

May God bless Janne and Chris in their new lives in the Burnett Region.

Yours in Christ,
+Godfrey



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ANGLICAN BISHOP IN JERUSALEM GRANTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN THE CITY

The Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem and his family are celebrating after finally getting permission to remain in the city after many months of legal and diplomat appeals. The Rt. Revd Suheil Dawani, who is also Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, spoke of his delight at finally getting the Residency Permits that as someone born in the West Bank must have to stay in East Jerusalem, where St. George Anglican Cathedral and the bishop's offices are located. "It is with **great pleasure, and with God's help, that I and my family** have received our Residency Permits," he said in a statement to his supporters. "I want to thank all of you, my friends and colleagues throughout the Anglican Communion and the Worldwide Christian Community, for your continued support throughout this time. It has been deeply appreciated and most encouraging knowing that we have been kept in your thoughts

and prayers as we awaited this most heartening outcome. I have been overwhelmed by the support given to me from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Honourable Rowan Williams, and all the Primates, Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Communion; and the Greek and Latin Patriarchs of Jerusalem." Bishop Suheil was denied the renewal of his Residency Permit by the government in August last year. Initially he had sought confidential support through religious and diplomatic channels. He revealed that the Archbishop of Canterbury had been in contact with the office of the Prime Minister of Israel and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amer to try and resolve this issue. Bishop Dawani had also met personally with the Chief Rabbi, who is a good friend of both Bishop Dawani and the Anglican Church and who did what he could to try and resolve the issue. What it was that finally resulted in him and his family being granted the Residency Permits has not been revealed, but there will be little doubt at Bishop Suheil's relief at being able to concentrate on his work in Jerusalem.

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/news.cfm/2011/9/27/ACNS4945>

WE'RE BACK IN!!

The Registry Team have finally been able to return to the rebuilt offices in Kershaw House. The staff would like to thank Bishop Godfrey for his support and encouragement to us over this trying period. It was particularly hard for Bishop as he only had a very small open space in the temporary office to work from and had to work primarily from home for nine months.




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4th - 10th Dec

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30th Jan - 15th Feb

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20th Feb - 9th Mar

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NORTH ROCKHAMPTON NEWS

Revd Shaji has introduced meditation to the Parish at the commencement of a new week, led by trainer Michael Gregory, who teaches us with the art of deep breathing, to relax our body. The meditation is based on Christian themes and a candle is used to centre our thoughts. The meditation runs from 6-7pm each Sunday night at St David's Church. At the conclusion of each session, a verse from Scripture is read. Anyone who wishes to participate will be made very welcome. For more information contact Revd Shaji. The GFS group made gifts of small cards and a note book to honour fathers for **Father's Day**. Pam Guy also shared with the group her overseas trip to Ireland where she attended the GFS world conference. At a recent meeting, Lyn Reeves entertained the children with a **games night at her home**. St Faith's school reunion was held on the weekend of the 8-9 October, when some of the past pupils and their husbands attended the 7.30am service at St David's and shared a morning tea with other members of the congregation. St John's Parkhurst women held an afternoon tea, with approximately 60 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The monthly meeting of Caritas was hosted by Pam Guy, Jacqui Keily and Val Gribble. It was an Irish night based on the GFS world conference, and a delicious Irish supper was served. To honour the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, parishioners were able to bring their pets, ranging from ducks, birds, parrots and a few dogs. A pet service was held at Parkhurst for larger animals. Pets are precious to a lot of people as they provide friendship, joy and companionship, especially to those who live a lonely existence. As part of the blessing, holy water was sprinkled over the animals, their owners, and other parishioners present.

LONGREACH

Canon Alan recently conducted a genuine bush christening at Anderson Creek outside of town, when he baptised the children of Peter and Lisa Magoffin (nee Rayner) and Timothy and Sandra Raynor. Our best wishes to Max, Charles, Annie and James in their walk with Christ. Before leaving for a well needed holiday on Norfolk Island, Canon Alan officiated at the wedding of John Secombe of "Kenya", Muttaborra and Kelly Bowden of Brisbane who married at Newstead House. We are grateful to John Swain and Wendy Tabrett for conducting services in Canon Alan's absence. Our thoughts are with Wilma Griesheimes as she returns to Brisbane for further care. No doubt millions join our prayers that science can find some way to deal with this scourge of cancer that is affecting so many.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



ST PAUL'S REMEMBERS POLICE

On the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, (patron saint of Police), over a hundred police and supporters filled St Paul's Cathedral for National Police Remembrance Day. This is a day in memory of comrades killed on duty, with special thoughts for those from the Rockhampton District. The recently appointed Police Chaplain, Glenn Louttit, led the Service and gave the Address. The Dean, Bishop Godfrey and Father Chris Schick also participated, as well as many police officers including Chief Superintendent Michael Hannigan who read the Commissioner's Address. Music was provided by Roger Marks at the organ, the Central Queensland Pipes and Drums, the Rockhampton City Brass Band and members of Unisong Choir. In the

words of the final affirmation, "Today, we remember and acknowledge the sacrifice of those officers who committed their lives to the safety and security of others", we give thanks for them, remember, and honour them. Several wreaths were placed at the front of the Altar on which was the Remembrance candle, Officers' caps, and two red roses, in memory of the two Officers killed on duty this year. It is indeed a chance for all of us to acknowledge with gratitude the work police officers do to ensure that our community is safe.



CALLIDE VALLEY REMEMBERS POLICE

There are not many Police Remembrance Day services held outside the big city centres, but this year we were very pleased to be able to arrange such a service at St Gabriel's Church in the Parish of Callide Valley. The process began just over a year ago when our priest, Revd Des Potter, was inaugurated as a Volunteer Police Chaplain for the district of the Callide Valley. From that time he, together with Senior Sergeant Nick Paton have been planning this special service. As the time drew closer invitations were sent out to dignitaries and the associated services. The Churches Together in Callide Valley were invited and given posters to display. Specific members of the community were approached to perform specific tasks and the service was slowly but surely put together. We had one parishioner play the Requiescant on the trumpet and we had another parishioner play the pipes to pipe the flags into church and to play a lament as part of the Act of Remembrance. The police from Biloela, the P.C.Y.C., Moura, Theodore, Goovigen and Baralaba participated in the service by reading



from Scripture, sharing the prayers, explaining the Police Legacy scheme, and reading the Rolls of Honour. Senior Sergeant Nick Paton delivered the Commissioner's address which both thanked the police for their ongoing effort in fighting crime and encouraged them to keep up the struggle of good over evil. Members of the congregation, the Police Force and dignitaries participated in the laying of wreaths and lighting of candles as an act of remembrance and the service concluded with an act of affirmation and re-commitment by all the police officers present. Being an Anglican gathering it would not have been complete without the customary cup of tea and culinary delights. We thank the police for raising their profile in our community through this special service and we thank Revd Des for making it all come together on the day, but most of all we thank God that we were presented with this opportunity to bring glory to his name in our community and to thank him for the role played by so many who have given their lives for the good of us all. Praise be to God.

BARCOO BAPTISES

There was triple joy at St Michael & All Angel's Tambo when Centre Warden Marg & her husband Tek Tindale's twin daughters Laura Richards and Sherri Sutton and their husbands & families returned for the baptism of three of their children Eva and Mitchell Sutton and Maria Richards. The children are pictured with their mothers and Revd Beth O'Neill



SPRINGSURE

As we go along on our Christian journey, at a much slower pace, spring days have caught up making life much more pleasant. Thanks be to God. St Peters last Sunday was privileged to **have the leaders of "Stock Up For Hope" cattle drive in the congregation.** "Stock Up For Hope" works to raise funds to place chaplains in schools thus bringing hope and trust to young minds. The Director, Brett, accompanied by Juli, the wife of ex deputy prime minister Hon John Anderson, each spoke during the service. Brett spoke of disadvantaged young people who mostly have lost hope, and likened the work to Jesus compassion and healing ministry. Funds **raised by "Stock Up For Hope" all go to help the ministry of the chaplains in schools.** Juli shared her life experiences as a young adult growing up on the land in NSW and later becoming a wife and mother, facing all kinds of **highs and lows but always aware of God's hand** in guiding her through it all. Juli is also an accomplished horse rider showing her skills in the local camp draft. We felt very privileged to have such deep Christians in the congregation, both sharing their stories.

Life at St Peter's goes on it's busy way. The ladies guild never tire in their efforts to raise the necessary funds, thanks be to God. The Bible Study Group still meets every 2nd Friday, **this time at Myrtle's home.** Myrtle warmly greets everyone and offers a delicious morning tea in a way that no other can do.



MU CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

MU members in the Rockhampton Diocese have recently celebrated their Centenary in fine style and are pleased that their project 'Adult Literacy in PNG' will benefit from the proceeds. Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of the celebrations, but especially to Revd Claire

Dewar who tirelessly led the Centenary Celebration Committee. The first meeting of MU in this Diocese was held in the Central Western town of Blackall during August 1911. The Centenary was celebrated at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 25th September, where MU members participated in a Candle Liturgy as part of the Eucharist. A specially made and inscribed candle started its



journey in Blackall and has since been the central focus of the liturgy in many parishes where MU has flourished. Banners from many of these parishes were displayed during the Eucharist. Bishop Godfrey and Bronwyn had recently visited **Winchester Cathedral where the Mothers' Union** founder, Mary Sumner, was buried. Bronwyn also visited nearby Old Alresford where Mary had lived and worked, so Bishop was able to draw on this experience in his sermon at the Centenary Eucharist. Trethella Smith, a Lone Member from Blackall parish, travelled to Rockhampton for the celebrations and was chosen to cut the Centenary cake, aided by Lurline Jones, the current Diocesan President of MU. Other special guests included past Diocesan Presidents, Pat Schutt, Marilyn Oulds and Peg Rees. Guests wore their

prettiest hats and enjoyed pouring their tea from fine china teapots at a High Tea held on the cool verandas of 'Lis Escop', the home of Bishop and Bronwyn, which they had generously offered as the venue for this celebration. The pleasant surroundings were enhanced by musical entertainment and dancing during the afternoon. A memorable weekend concluded after Sunday luncheon, which was hosted by St **Luke's Parish. Once again, Bishop and Bronwyn** lent their personal touch to this occasion by sharing some of the very interesting experiences of their recent visit to Canterbury



BAPTISMS IN FRONT OF THE PUB

The Revd Anne Nixon with families and eight children who were baptised during a service of Holy Communion held in the main street of Winton during the recent town festival.



The Registry Office has two copies of the 2011 Lectionary on sale for \$2 each. Please call the Registry

office if you would like either of them.



ANSWERING CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS ABOUT GOOD & EVIL

Part 6 in a 7 part series of quick answers for children.

Are people evil?

God made all people good, but with the freedom to make their own choices. We all make bad choices sometimes, but some people continue to make bad choices time and time again.

Is it wrong to be tempted?

Temptation is when we think about doing or saying a bad thing, but have not actually done it. But **it's not a sin unless we actually do it.**

How does God forgive us?

Forgiveness begins by saying sorry for wrong things we have done, and meaning it. God forgives us by accepting our apology.

Why do bad things happen to good people?

God give us all freedom to make choices in life. Sometimes the poor choice made by one person or a law, has sad or terrible consequences for another person.

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EUCCHARIST AT 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.

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 Rod McLary on 07 3835 2266

GFS IN PNG

Val Gribble has just returned from another interesting visit to Papua New Guinea. Val and Cheryl Selvage and Sue Wilson, two GFS trainers from Brisbane Diocese, spent 11 days visiting Port Moresby, Popondetta and Mt Hagen, to provide further training in the GFS World Council sponsored project to provide training and resources to Sunday School teachers. The project is now complete and GFS Australia will continue to support future visits. It was exciting to know that many parishes in Port Moresby and Popondota Diocese are now using the resource which is a weekly Sunday School program based on the PNG lectionary. Knowing that there is little or



no access to resources such as paper, pencils, etc., the training has assisted teachers to use story, song, games and simple resources from what can be found in their programs. Earlier this year GFS was invited to take the program to Aipo Rongo diocese so this was a first visit for everyone. 13 participants had been chosen to represent their areas. Many lived in very isolated parishes and could only walk to

airstrips and fly into Hagen. One had walked for 6 hours to get to the nearest airstrip. GFS met the costs of all travel and accommodation of the participants and with money given from parishes to Val, Cheryl and Sue it was possible to put together a bag of stationery and other resources for each area. The resource will not go far (with one Sunday School having 280 children) but will be an encouragement to the teachers. After three days of training the diocese recognised the participants by presenting their certificates at the Patronal Festival Mass of the small cathedral church, St Michael and All Angels. As GFS has the same patronal saint it was an added exciting experience. The Sunday School children of Mt Hagen brought Val, Cheryl and Sue a Meri Blouse and skirt and asked them to wear them to church on the Sunday. The Sunday School wear the same purple outfits. The visit was saddened on the last night with the news of the death of Mother Wasita Kopapa, the wife of the Archbishop. Mother Wasita was a good friend to GFS and personally to Val and Cheryl and always attended the training in Popondetta. Bishop Ingan from Aipo Rongo



Diocese has great plans for GFS in his diocese and for future visits. GFS Australia now has to ponder on how they will finance future visits, having committed to continuing support of GFS and Children's Ministry in PNG.





BOOK REVIEW: *HERE ON EARTH: AN ARGUMENT FOR HOPE*

written by Tim Flannery; published by Text Publishing Melbourne 2010

“Wot’s in a name?” she sez... An’ then she sighs...

So C. J. Dennis quotes Juliet. And that makes you wonder, doesn’t it? **What’s in the names we give to God?** In December, Tim Flannery was interviewed on ABC Radio National about the thesis of his new book, *Here on Earth*, and he spoke of the concept of **“Gaia” that he learnt from James Lovelock** who first published his hypothesis in 1972 in the journal, *Atmospheric Environment*, then made it the title of his 1979 book about the Earth as a self-regulating system. Listening to the extended interview, I said to my radio: **“Why don’t you call it God?”**. Then I went out and bought the book.

Through many years of scientific inquiry and interaction with other scientific minds, and a penchant for going out and having a good look around for himself, for example in the Murray Darling system, Flannery finds that his mind has gone beyond the analytical, linear method of inquiry to an holistic synthesis that goes beyond fear. To illustrate this, he compares Charles Darwin with Wallace, noticing that Darwin, wary of being wrong at the centre of the scientific world, studied smaller and smaller pieces of the puzzle of the origins of species, whereas Wallace, out on the periphery, tried to make sense of life at a planetary and universal scale. He had some odd ideas, but the centre of his thought contributed much to the new fields of ecology and Earth Sciences.

From this point, in chapter 3, Flannery ranges over the world of the ants, the rise and fall of human civilizations, the history of interpretations of ecological systems – even economic theories of the market. The glue binding the thesis together is **the concept he calls “Gaia” that takes the reader**

by chapter 20 into the worlds of Google Earth, smart cities and even the potential for Malaysia to **stop illegal logging!** **Chapter 23, the finale, “What lies on the other side?” is a conclusion of near** devastation, transformation, integration and hope. Of course Flannery knows he will be criticized, particularly by people with linear thinking, those in the line of Darwin and Dawkins. Though he values their contributions, he knows they find his much harder to cope with. He is using a different language; he is synthesizing; he can be wrong and not be afraid of it.

As Christians with our own name and language for God, we can read Flannery and not be afraid of him and his Gaia. The church of the 20th century had to cope with Tillich, Bonhoeffer, Robinson and Holloway, all talking in unaccustomed language yet still offering healing for the suffering, hope for the poor and reconciliation of foes. Here is a book for the 21st century, coming out of the world of science instead of theology, bringing the two critically close together. Chapter 23 deals with the worst that the greed and selfishness of the 21st century can throw at humankind, and it sounds like Armageddon, but Flannery does not leave us in the horrors of our own making. With specific reference to groups and organizations of those same human beings working for peace and retrieving endangered species for the sake of what **his language calls a “global super-organism”**, he ends thus:

“If we do not strive to love one another, and to love our planet as much as we love ourselves, then no further progress is possible here on Earth.” Now that’s a language we Christians understand.

Book Review written by Lynne Cain, EfM co-ordinator.

BATHURST AGREES TO TRI-DIOCESAN **“PARTNERSHIP”**

Continued from page 1 It covers Anglicare, Diocesan schools, administration and finances. Parishes from Broken Hill to Bourke to Bega are covered by the arrangement. The Bishop of Bathurst, The Right Reverend Richard Hurford OAM, said, **“The proposal before the Synod was the natural evolution of the successful relationship that the three Dioceses have had over the last eight years.”** The new agreement between the Dioceses provides for greater cooperation that will see increased economies of scale, a greater pool of resource people with an enhanced skill mix, opportunities of cooperation in welfare and community work through an Anglicare Alliance, the creation of a Schools Commission overseeing seven schools in the Diocese of Bathurst and Canberra and Goulburn, economies of scale with the creation of a decentralised administrative services organisation covering all the Dioceses and a larger Development and Investment Fund. The last ten years of drought have impacted the capacity of predominantly rural and remote Dioceses to sustain ministry in the same ways as before the drought. **This enhanced level of cooperation will help all three Dioceses in their ongoing development.** **“We are grateful for our Tri-Diocesan partners, particularly the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn and its Bishop, Stuart Robinson,”** Bishop Richard said. **“Three weeks ago its Synod overwhelmingly passed a motion supporting the development of the relationship. These developments will improve our capacity enormously and help us to address issues of a lack of both human and capital resources.”**