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LETTER FROM A CENTRAL HIGHLANDS FLOOD AFFECTED FAMILY

To my fellow Anglicans, I would like to express deep gratitude for the donations you made to Bishop Godfrey's Flood Appeal. My family missed the criteria for any government assistance, which left us feeling even more isolated and abandoned than did the water in December and January.

When I received a cheque from the Bishop, I felt overwhelmed. At first I felt sorrow for needing to accept a charity, but then I felt the warm glow of relief and the start of restoration. You have restored my hope in such a real way.

We are hopeful to start work again soon and feel we are doing so with your compassion at our shoulders. We wish we had something we could give back to you. Perhaps for now our heartfelt "thanks" can be enough.



Photo by Phil Spencer

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.



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A message
from
Archdeacon
John McKim
Administrator

Greetings!

September 2011

This edition reminds us that there's a lot happening in our world, diocese and parishes, that we can contribute or donate to, get involved with or celebrate the wonderful things that are being done in the name of the gospel. Please read carefully and prayerfully.

Following on from my letter to you last month I received a number of **comments that I didn't actually say which country I visited. So let me tell you now that it was Colombia in South America.**

In recent weeks we have had two resignations from ministry within the Diocese. Firstly, from Trevor Phillips who has served faithfully as Chaplain/Manager for the Mission to Seafarers in Gladstone. Trevor and his family move back to Brisbane at the end of November to take up a new ministry with seafarers.

Secondly, at the beginning of November the Revd Canon Janne Whitehead will be taking up ministry in the Parish of Gayndah within the Diocese of Brisbane. Janne has served all of her 24½ years of ordained ministry within the Diocese in the parishes of Gladstone, Clermont, Emerald and currently Wandal. Both Janne and Chris have contributed significantly to our Diocesan life and we thank them for their valuable contribution.

Our parishes are constantly challenged to move forward in faith, let go of shackles that restrict us and capture a vision of what we can be together. This includes exploring how we can be the church more effectively in the communities in which we live. Bishop-in-Council was asked by the last Synod to develop a strategic plan and you will hear more about that over time.

In the meantime let me share a lesson we can learn from geese [Author unknown]

"As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for others behind. There is 71% more flying range in V formation than flying alone. So we see - People who share a common direction and sense of common community can get there quicker. Whenever a goose flies out of formation, it quickly feels the drag and tries to get back into position. So we see - It's harder to do something alone than together. When the lead goose gets tired it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head. So we see - Shared leadership and interdependence gives us each a chance to lead, share skills and capabilities as well as opportunities to rest. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up their speed. So we see - We need to make sure our honking is encouraging, not discouraging. When a goose gets sick or wounded or falls, two geese fall out and stay with it until it revives or dies. Then they catch up or join another flock. So we see - Stand by your fellow parishioners in difficult times as well as good."

May this be a blessing to you.

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EAST AFRICA EMERGENCY APPEAL

In the region of East Africa, drought is quickly turning into famine for starving people across several countries. The recent rains have failed to bring much needed relief to the area and the people, livestock and agriculture are all suffering as a consequence. Around 11.6 million people are affected by this natural disaster in an area becoming known as the "Triangle of Death" (Reuters). Starving people have no choice but to make themselves displaced refugees, crossing any border in the region in search of food. It is, unfortunately, a case of the most in need suffering. Women and children tend to be the most vulnerable, with women often burdened with the responsibility of providing food and water for their families. The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) partners with Anglican churches in the region, particularly in Kenya and South Sudan. Despite the many challenges ahead of them, the churches continue to help those affected by coordinating food relief efforts and helping local farmers plan for the future. Some communities have already taken steps to drought-proof themselves with the support of local Anglican churches in the region. One of ABM's contacts in Kenya, John Kyalo Mutua, Executive Director of Ukamba Christian Community Services, tells us, "Faced with the threat of famine, households within the affected population invariably utilise a wide range of responses to preserve themselves and their livelihoods." As much as the people can plan for the dry seasons and periods, nothing can prepare them for the drought and subsequent famine that is now ravishing their countries. Your generous support of these families and their communities will bring much needed relief into their lives. Please pray for the victims of this disaster, for those who have lost loved ones, the governments who are coordinating the response, aid agencies and our Partner Churches as they face tremendous challenges ahead.

Donations can be made at www.abmission.org or by sending a cheque/money order made out to: Anglican Board of Mission – Australia to Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230. Alternatively, you can phone 1300 302 663 or email info@abm.asn.au



MU CENTENARY & PUBLICATIONS

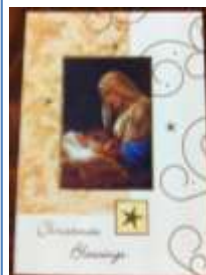
What an exciting year for MU in our Diocese this year. The candlelight services have made a journey through the Diocese as we remember and celebrate the 100 years work of MU (as part of the worldwide Mothers Union) in the Rockhampton Diocese. Upcoming celebrations will include High Tea at 'Lis Escop' on Saturday 24 September at 2:30pm and a Candle Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral on 25 September at 9:30am. Luncheon at St Lukes Parish Hall will follow the Sunday service. New this year is the relocation of the MU publications to the cathedral and offices. The publications department is being run by a team of people including Jenny Howie, Helen Cole, Glenis Bayton and Jan Jenkins.

This year's stock of Christmas cards has arrived. At present I don't have any orders! Packs of 10 cost \$5 and there is still stock from last year at \$4. I am very keen for your branch or parish to get orders in. Of course, sales are welcome outside MU. We also have large 2011 diaries available for \$7 each.

Please RSVP for the High Tea or Luncheon to:-
Revd Claire Dewar ph 49391240 or Bronwyn Fryar ph 49223755.

Orders for Christmas Cards or anything from the MU catalogues can be sent to:-
Jenny Howie: howiejenlin@hotmail.com or ph 49276098 (night) or Helen Cole: colehr@bigpond.com or ph 0403181890.
Orders will be sent monthly or immediately should the need arise.

We are also after ideas for items that could be put on the stall for the September Centenary week-end. **If you see something you'd like stocked, please let us know.**





NEW LIFE AT WOORABINDA

Fr Dan Joyce faithfully cared for the congregation at Woorabinda over many years but his health declined markedly in early 2010 and he advised Bishop Godfrey that he was no longer able to continue. In May 2010 the Bishop asked the ministry team at North Rockhampton to take on the responsibility for services at Woori and a new chapter of ministry has unfolded. There seems to be growing interest from the community in attending church and in participating in Bible Study. A particular highlight was a service on the

27th March in which eight children were baptised and ten babies and toddlers were blessed.

Baptised were Sandra Major, Imogen Munns, Anthony Munns, Kenneth Ryan Oakley, Kenneth Allan Oakley, Zeckeisha Oakley, Cameron Oakley Jnr, and Stewart McInnerney. Mr John Anderson (Anglicare-Board Director), and the Reverends Bob Dean, Shaji Joseph and Cameron Venables drove out from Rocky to share with a congregation of 57 people. Please pray for emerging local leadership in the church at Woori, particularly sisters Karol and Judy Major.



Karol and Judy Major



AROUND THE DIOCESE

WANDAL'S WINTER FUN

What better idea on a Winter's evening, than to have a Soup and Rolls night. This is what we at **St Luke's did recently.** After the 6pm Saturday service parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall and enjoyed five different and yummy soups, including a Pumpkin Soup and a Pea and Ham soup. Sweets and Tea and Coffee followed. Dorothy Rosenberg entertained us with some excellent whistling and humorous verse, the rest of the evening being spent just relaxing and having a chat. It was purely a time of great fellowship.



Beryl and Dennis Andersen were among those enjoying the Soup and Rolls night

KEPPEL PARISH

Keppel Parish had a busy July with Christchurch Emu Park holding its annual morning tea and the Patronal Luncheon for St James. On 20 July at the Christchurch Emu Park Teddy Bears' Picnic, judges had the difficult task of picking the winners from the great variety of the bears present.

Despite the cool breeze and power cut half way through, all enjoyed a delicious morning tea and entertainment provided by the Dolphin Dancers, St Brendans Orchestra, tap dancing by Ena Coultch and singing by Elizabeth Manns.

The St James Day Luncheon was attended by 140 people, quite a cosy fit into our hall, but a wonderful 3 course meal was served by the hard working team and our Guest Speaker was Captain Stuart Haynes from Blackwater. An afternoon enjoyed by all.



BOYNE RIVER

In mid July the parish received another visit from the Revd Ian McGrath from the Bush Church Aid. While Ian was in the parish he led two SafeTALK sessions on suicide **prevention.** At the end of July the **St Mark's Ladies Guild** held their Annual Parish Dinner. This year it was a Gypsy Dinner and was a great night of fellowship. There were table games and lots of delicious food. We were entertained by a group of musicians who played a number of old time songs that people could sing along with. Towards the end of the night we moved the tables and made space for dancing and people of all ages got involved.



NORTH ROCKHAMPTON NEWS

The big event in the parish for the month of August was the Annual Parish Fete. It always proves to be a fun day as it is a great opportunity for all of the parishes on the north side, under the banner of the All Saints community, to get together. The entertainment was provided by the Sabaya Belly dancers, Rockhampton City Brass Band, Rockhampton Pipe Band, and Revd

Cameron's church band. The church band gave the stall holders the urge to kick up their heels and do some dancing. Thank you and congratulations to all who helped make the day such a success.

At St John's Parkhurst on the 14th August, thirty-five members of the Parkhurst school choir performed at the church. The choir led the singing of the five hymns and in place of the sermon, performed a ten minute concert. The choir was conducted by Mr David St Henry. The church was full with a congregation of 135, consisting of parents and family belonging to the choir as well as other visitors from different



parishes. The choir is performing at the Pilbeam theatre later in the year. At a Christmas service, the choir has offered to perform at the Parkhurst church. The Parkhurst church is planning to do a monthly service, providing the opportunity to invite other groups in the area. Graham and Beverly Jarvis minister to the Parishes of Marlborough and St Lawrence on the second Sunday of each month. They attend Marlborough at 12:00pm and St Lawrence at 1:00pm. In October the services at Marlborough will be held **at Karri and Graeme Morpheys property called 'Anglewood.'** These services on the property will be held every second month.

RETIREMENT VILLAGE IN THEODORE WELCOMES ANGLICAN DONATION

Due to the recent flooding and associated rebuilding costs, the Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton has generously donated \$20,000 and \$50,000 respectively to the Dawson View Retirement Village. It has been a long haul to recovery for the complex, following the inundations in December and January of this year which engulfed the township of Theodore. CEO of the retirement village

Tammy Malings said "People like the Anglicans make a huge difference in people's lives. The care and compassion they have for not only the elderly, but for all of those affected by the floods is incredible". Residents of the Independent Living units are all back in their homes and are very grateful to be back. When asked about his newly rebuilt unit long term resident Mr Alan Anderson said "It's beautiful! I don't think they could have been better – really I don't." Completion of the Low Care Nursing Home is still under rebuild and

hopes are high for all residents of the home to be back in by the end of August. Chairman of Theodore Council on the Ageing Board, Mr Ron Bock said **"I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of the Anglican Church. It is donations such as these that keep our wonderful community owned village operational and the way that people have rallied to support the complex is remarkable".**



L to R: Bev Blair, Ruth Edwards (Parish Warden), Ron Bock (Chairman TCOTA), Gladys Goodenough, Revd Des Potter, Dell Baxter, Juanita Goodland, Valda Morris, Jennie Horn (Hacc), Skeeta Morris, Charissa Williams & Wendy Poole

THANK YOU Thank you to all the Diocesan members who contribute information about their parishes in the gazette. It is always interesting to find out what is going on in different parts of the diocese, some of the activities and ideas going on are really wonderful. *Allison Hutton (Gladstone)*

WORKING WITH KIDS AND THE GOD STUFF TODAY

There are just about as many different ways to work with kids and their faith as there are different kids! One possibility follows the form found in the Questions and Answers format of the last three editions of the Gazette, but I thought I would present another possibility for reflection this month.

At All Saints', we firmly believe that kids have as much to contribute to our Sunday School class as the teachers – indeed, quite often more! So consequently most of the lessons and activities planned revolve around open ended questions that allow the kids to explore their own faith via their knowledge of the natural world, their friends and families, their likes and dislikes, their school community and themselves. Not surprisingly our classes can sometimes seem a bit chaotic, but the kids really enjoy themselves and regularly produce amazing works of art and craft, as well as remarkably reflective and connected theological responses.

We have chosen not to follow any one curriculum **for Sunday School at All Saints', in part because** we often come up with better activities ourselves than some of the limiting suggestions in formal curriculum, and in part because we struggle to find curriculum that follows the broad and inclusive theology we want to model and teach our kids. Most of the time I make it up myself, and most of the time the activity and focus comes from the Gospel.

Our Sunday School membership is unusual for there are approximately three times more boys than girls, and most of them are aged between 5 and 10 years old. Although I am the main teacher, we always have other adults and young people who come over to help out as our weekly Sunday School attendance varies from 10 to 38 kids. We have lots of kid who do not come every Sunday because their families juggle many different priorities on weekends. We have kids from different cultural backgrounds, and kids with varying literacy skills. I believe that each of them have their own valid responses to God, so try really hard NOT to tell them what to believe but rather encourage them to reflect on the way that stories about Jesus can help them live at school, in all their extra-curricular events, and at home with their families.

So what really happens? Let me share a recent example, the Gospel reading for Sunday 14th August was Matthew 15: 21-28 which describes an encounter between Jesus and a Canaanite woman.

In Sunday School we talked about the story, asking questions about what people remembered **from the reading they'd heard in church and what it could mean for us today:**

So what does Jesus say to the woman at the beginning? (*Kids responses: go away, you're not like me*) What does the woman do? Does she go away? (*Kids: she sticks around, she keeps at him*) Why does she challenge Jesus? (*Kids: she wants to make her daughter better, she wants Jesus to help*) So she tells Jesus that he got it wrong, that he has to help everyone. Why do you think that Jesus got it wrong? (*Kids: he forgot what God wanted him to do, he was mixed up*) **OK so it's pretty cool that she helps him it get it right, because we all know that the Bible doesn't always tell us much about women.** (*Kids: girls – she's cool; boys – girls don't always get it right, Kate!*)

Then we talked about prejudice – how it is made up of 2 ideas: pre (before) and judge (making a call about someone). We all agreed that prejudice **isn't good and the kids named some people that** might experience prejudice (*people with different coloured skin, people in a wheel chair, people who sound different*) and then began our activity.

We took the word 'prejudice' and rearranged it so that we could remember what we should do when we see someone being prejudiced. We should not judge people before we know them, we should **'see' them and get to understand them ('I see you' = I C U).** Some cutting, folding and gluing was required (always a challenge with 12 boys and 5

little girls) but here is the simple version of what it looked like.

I hope this is helpful and offers another way of working with children in ministry.

Prejudice



Kate Venables
Sunday School
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North Rockhampton



CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANSWERING CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER

Part 4 in a 7 part series of quick answers for children.

What is prayer all about?

Prayer is the way we communicate with God, by talking and listening.

How does God listen to us?

We don't really know. It must be a bit like telepathy because God doesn't have ears or hear sounds like we do, but he knows our thoughts and prayers.

How does God talk to us?

God talks to us and guides us by putting good thoughts into our minds and helping us make good choices.

Does God answer all our prayers?

Yes, but the answer might not be what we are hoping for. God's answers can be "yes" or "no" or "wait a while" or "I've got another plan".

Why do we pray?

To share our life with God and listen for his direction. If we didn't pray, it would be like not talking to mum or dad all week.

Why can't I hear God talking to me?

Listening to God takes practice. Some people can't send text messages on their phones, even though they've been shown how, because they haven't done it much. Listening to God takes practice, too.

Why is the Lord's Prayer special?

Because it's the prayer Jesus told the disciples to say. It begins by praising God and then asks for his help with our daily life, so we should say it every day.

DATE CLAIMER: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Calling all interested persons involved in GFS, Children's Ministry, RE and Sunday School. Are you looking for a weekend of Quiet Retreat, Rest and Relaxation then "Stepping Stones" Fellowship

Weekend may be just what you are waiting for.

To be held at Cool Waters Holiday Village, from 14-16 Oct and to be conducted by Revd Narelle Kidson.

For further information contact:

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BRAIN TEASER - HIDDEN BOOKS

There are sixteen books of the bible hidden in the following paragraph. Can you find them all?

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books in the bible in this story."

Highlighted answers on page 8

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THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST PETER THE FISHERMAN: 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The journey began at St Saviour's 25 years ago when a small group of parishioners moved from there to Clinton School for Sunday worship, and to witness for Christ in a new and expanding area of Gladstone. And so on Saturday June 25th our Anniversary celebrations began at St Saviour's, when the Parish joined together for dinner and a sentimental journey retracing the events of the last 25 years in words and pictures. June Burvill gave us a brief history, taking us right back to the very first services, and Lilah Ward (nee Stovell) told us what she remembered about growing up in the new congregation. Danielle Ellis and Colin Williamson, who came to St Peter's when it was well established in its present building, gave us a glimpse of their impressions and told us what St Peter's means to them now. All

through the evening photographs were projected onto a screen, bringing to life all those memories. There was delicious food, lots of talk and laughter. Some interesting church buildings made of drinking straws appeared, which Revd John McKim judged to be equal in merit, so no prizes were awarded for the skill or imagination displayed! On Sunday a service to mark the Anniversary was held, beginning at Clinton School and progressing to St Peter's. For those of us who were not here in those early days it was interesting to see where the congregation had met during its first six years of life. Up at St Peter's, John's reflections on Peter and the songs we sang echoed the theme of "upon this rock I will build my church". There was an opportunity for everyone to write something on a card, which represented a building brick, of their memories of what has shaped St Peter's and how it has shaped them, as well as their vision for the future. We then stuck these "bricks" to the wall. It was an uplifting service, rooted in the traditions of the past 25 years, but full of joy and hope. We finished with a sausage sizzle and the cutting of the anniversary cake.

Thank you to Annslie Stovell and Danielle Ellis and everyone who helped to make this a special weekend.

Left: Rev John McKim with the Hindes family back at Clinton school where it all started.



Left: St Peter's Church today.

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