

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

SYNOD 2010

ANGLICAN GAZETTE

The Anglican Gazette is the Newspaper of the Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton. It is usually published 11 times per calendar year and we attempt to have the Gazette available in parishes on the first Sunday of the month. The Gazette is also available online at the Diocesan Web site. Parishes nominate a Gazette correspondent at their Annual Meetings each year. This year we have attempted to change the format slightly, with more news from the country parishes, particularly about how they may be affected by droughts, new mining developments, and more recently the floods. Correspondents are asked to post, e-mail or deliver to the Diocesan Registry by the 14th of each month their contribution. Other material is sourced from Anglicare, The Children's Ministry Committee, MU, DRY, GFS to name but a few of our contributors. Press releases and world news are received by the Editor by mail or e-mail. The Editor in conjunction with the Bishop decides on final materials to be published.

Approximately 1200 copies are printed each month. The Gazette is distributed not only within the Diocese but to every Diocese in Australia, to past Bishops of Rockhampton, to our partner Diocese in Wales and to other individuals who subscribe to our publication.

The Gazette is an in-house production from beginning to end; many thanks go to the registry staff as they are all involved in some way with the production of the Gazette. Thanks to our Parish Gazette Correspondents for their contributions, which are consistently of a high standard, also all other contributors for the great work they put in each month. Parish Correspondents are asked to submit articles of between 100 – 200 words and photographs of special activities happening in their parish community. If your parish does not contribute, please consider doing so. The Gazette Guidelines have been forwarded to each Parish and are still available from the Registry Office.

To keep printing costs to within the budget, the Anglican Gazette needs to be an eight page publication. If more news from outside the Diocese is to be included there needs to be an increase in the yearly price of the Gazette to cover the extra pages or, more preferably, paid advertisements in an issue that has twelve pages, to cover the extra costs. This is something that will be looked into.

The Gazette needs to be not only a newspaper *of* the Diocese, but a newspaper *for* the Diocese. To do this, information from the wider Anglican Communion needs to be included as well as news from other churches and agencies so that the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton are kept informed and up to date on what is happening not only in this diocese, but beyond as well.

Raelyn James
Editor, The Anglican Gazette

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

SYNOD 2010

DIOCESAN WEB SITE www.anglicanrock.org.au

The two main aims of our Diocesan Website are to make available accurate information about the Anglican Church in Central Queensland, and to keep the website current and useful. Over the last year, these aims have been achieved in the following ways:

- On the main page of the website, two new sections have been added: “Recent Events” and “Coming Events”. Whenever suitable photographs of recent parish or Diocesan events are available, they are posted up in this area for up to a fortnight. Whenever parishes or ministry units advise me of a special coming event, its details are posted in this area until the happening date, for up to two months in advance. It would be great if more parishes would like to take advantage of this free advertising and sharing with others the great ministries which are happening around the Diocese.
- A new 5 page interactive area about Baptism has been developed. This is easily found in the tabs on the main page, and has many different “click and do” activities and printable items within the area. It is designed as an at-home adjunct for Baptism preparation in parishes, and to assist lay people in parishes without clergy, as people prepare for baptism.
- A new set of 12 seasonal services of Morning / Evening Prayer, approved by the Bishop for use in the Diocese, is now available in ready-to-print PDF format on the Administration section of the Intranet [user name: ADuser, password AD2010]. Many other liturgical resources are also available on the clergy section of the Intranet.
- The Bishop often puts notices of Expressions of Interest for ministry positions available in the Diocese, and responses to these have come from many areas of the globe. Also, neighbouring Dioceses of the Anglican church have lodged ministry advertisements with us, and quite a few of those positions have been filled by people who have found the position notification on our website.
- A constant effort is made to keep parish pages accurate and informative. All parish pages have photographs of nearly all church buildings in use around the Diocese, main centres also have maps attached, and parish information is regularly monitored. Parishes are asked to check their website page, and ensure the accuracy and relevance of the material presented. While each parish page of the website can only be of moderate length, free updates can be done quarterly by emailing alterations to the webmaster. Screen shot print-outs of parish pages are available for your perusal at this Synod.
- The annual listings of Christmas and Easter services across the Diocese are put up in a suitable time frame before each of these great festivals, and receive many “hits” in the fortnight before services.

I would again this year pay tribute to my daughter Kathryn Thompson of Brisbane, without whose skill and dedication this website would be very limited.

Canon Janne Whitehead
Webmaster
janne.whitehead@gmail.com