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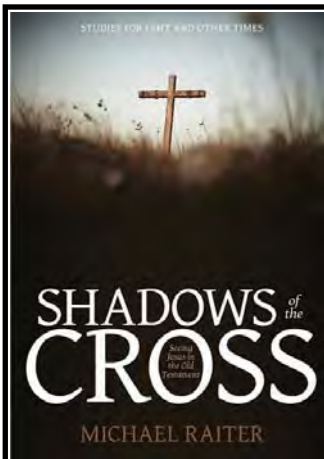


Since the last edition of "Reef & Beef", Bishop Bill has ordained 5 people: 2 to the order of Deacons, and 3 to the order of priests.

Pictured top left are Helen Houghton, ordained priest, Frances Maltby ordained deacon, and Christine Reedman, ordained priest at St James Cathedral, Townsville.

Above is Deborah Kachel, ordained priest at St David's, Mossman.

Left is Steven Anderson, ordained deacon at St James, Mt Isa.



Edge Hill Ministry Unit (The Good Shepherd: TGS)

Recently, we bought a couple of boxes of these books, through Cairns Lifestore, and worked through them together, as a whole church. This involved reading the daily devotions in our homes, working through the weekly studies in our small groups, and then preaching on one of the relevant topics the following Sunday.

We decided to do this over eight weeks, as there are eight studies in the back of the book, covering the five daily devotions for each week - forty in total.

We found it very helpful indeed. It really got us thinking as to how much the Old Testament speaks about Jesus - he didn't just turn up - and in particular, speaks about what Jesus did for his Father, and for us, on the cross.

We, at TGS, try to do one 'whole church' Bible study each year, and this is the one we did in 2018. It also resulted in five additional people joining our regular small groups. May we commend this book to you, and commend it to you for your whole church to do. It is most suitable as a Lenten Study or a general Bible Study book. *Rev. Trevor Saggars*

Dear Friends

Recently, I was preparing my sermon for the congregation at Cairns Aboriginal Torres Strait Island Mission (CATISM). The Gospel Reading was from Mark 6, the account of Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth. This started me thinking about the nature of ministry here in North Queensland.

I have mentioned before, that prior to WW2 the general approach to ministry within the Anglican Church was one Parish, one male priest and at times with curates who were trained by a Rector. Those who believed they were called to the ordained ministry studied at a theological college within a "monastic" discipline. Bishops of the day had various rules about clergy training as well as having guidelines to help the ordinands, such as when they could or could not marry.

I have referred to the Lambeth Quadrilateral before and if you require further information it can be found on the web. One of the sides is the "the episcopate, locally adopted". Here in North Queensland a past bishop, Bishop John Lewis was one of several bishops in the Anglican Communion who sought ways to provide eucharistic ministry at the then parish level. As a result people were ordained on the call of God and life experience. Clergy stayed in the Ministry Unit they had ministered in as a lay person. The general title for this approach is Locally Shared Ministry (LSM). This Diocese has given assent to LSM in Canon Two Part Seven, Section 36-38, (pages 18-19). Thus there has been a considerable shift in training of ordinands and how the Church provides in service training.

In Mark 6:1-6, the Gospel reading for Pentecost 7, Jesus said, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." What do Jesus' words have to say to us as we continue to explore the nature of ministry and the ordained ministry here in North Queensland?

First, under the traditional model, clergy were not known at the start of their placement in a Ministry Unit. They had to build up trust versus being so well known that people can name a clergy person's shortcomings. (Yes there are times when the hardest place to share the Gospel is within your own family.)

Second, stipended clergy are paid a stipend so that they are available for ministry emergencies at any time, while LSM clergy have to earn an income and are not as readily available. Related to this is the issue of work, is the "work life balance" and this applies to LSM clergy, stipended clergy as well as to all Christians.

The Third issue is the need of ongoing education to equip people for future ministry. This is easier for stipended clergy than LSM. The ordination service is very clear that all clergy promise to undertake further studies to equip them for their ongoing ministry.

For effective ministry, clergy and laity need to minister together. So it is important for both clergy and laity to be equipped and "sing off the same page".

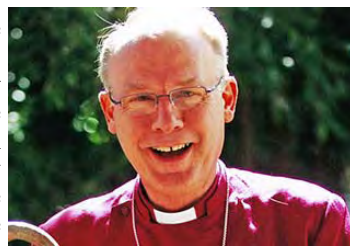
Whether clergy or laity, the basis of our ministry is living into our baptismal promises. That is the starting point. What does it mean to turn to Christ daily and serve him? What does it mean to daily repent of our sin? What does it mean to reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust? What does it mean to renounce evil?

Jesus warns that a prophet may struggle in their own hometown. However, I am of the view that if we truly live into our baptismal promises we are able to keep focus. We must never forget that the God who calls, is the God who equips. While the Gospel does not change, the world in which we minister is changing constantly. The Anglican Church needs to keep in mind that while we are an episcopal Church, it is important that we locally adapt in a meaningful way, so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is made known, relevant to our context.

I welcome your feedback.

Yours in Christ,

+ Bill, N.Q.



LOTUS GLEN CELEBRATIONS

This week we again celebrated The Coming of the Light in Lotus Glen Correctional Centre with the Re-enactment followed by Island dancing. All were done up in appropriate gear and paint, and they even built a grass hut for the chief. This was the seventh consecutive year we have been able to encourage the inmates to do this.

In 1871 the SS Surprise sailed across to Erub (Darnley) Island to be met very ferociously by some Islanders. (This was after they had been living in the Loyalty Islands from the South Seas for 30 years teaching and evangelising with the London Missionary Society. Until the French government had demanded that all foreigners leave.)

Finally they were allowed to land, and were escorted round to the village. Missionaries McFarlane and Murray (aka Bill Fairbrother and Russell Clark), together with the Loyalty Island evangelists (inmates), were menaced with bows and arrows, but after presenting

gifts, tobacco and sharing the Bible were given food and allowed to stay, and the Erub (Darnley) Islanders soon readily accepted the Gospel message.

Afterwards we held a service with one of the prisoners giving the history, and others reading The Word, and Rev Russell Clark giving a rousing message. Later about 20 of the men performed some great dancing, and finished up with one of them thanking the staff for the privilege of being able to perform the Re-enactment. Many of the inmates were able to be there, as were the Manager and Staff. The full event was recorded so that



in future years they can see it if other chaplains don't come to be part of it.

Sadly Lotus Glen is the only prison which performs The Coming of the Light, and as we are about to retire, after more than 16 years we won't be available again. However we are very grateful that we have been so ably assisted by staff to procure all the things needed, including the building of the boat, and bringing in palm leaves, etc., each year.

There are many men inside Lotus Glen Correctional Centre who want to recommit their lives to the Lord. Please pray whether God might be calling you to consider prison chaplaincy. It is a very rewarding environment to have the privilege to work in. Jim Tsang from St John's in Cairns is the only other Anglican Chaplain there and with the number of prisoners we are entitled to have three Anglican Chaplains inside at any one time.

Chris and Bill Fairbrother – Lotus Glen Chaplains

Sexual Abuse contact line: 1800 242 544 or 07 3835 2266

Focus on: Ugar and Mer Islands



It was baptisms, confirmations and the re-consecration and dedication churches were all this part of the recent trip of Bishop Bill and Archdeacon Chris on their recent trip to the Torres Strait. The photos on the left (and above) are from St James, Mer (Murray) Island, and those on the right (and below) are from the Church of the Transfiguration on Ugar (Stephen) Island.



CURSILLO NEWS

A reminder regarding the Diocesan Ultreya which is celebrating the introduction of Cursillo to the Diocese 20 years ago. This is to be held at St. Margaret's Church, 234 Aumuller Street Westcourt, Cairns. DATE- 25th August. TIME - 3pm. There will be drinks (tea, coffee, water) before and afternoon tea following the Ultreya. This will allow for fellowship for those who can't make it to the celebratory dinner. The dinner will be held at Seville Mercy Centre, 35 Bauhinia Avenue, Earlville. TIME - 7pm. COST - \$35.00. Bookings essential by 10 August, 2018. Please contact Marcia Hyde - Ph. 0409 129 201 or remwhyde1@bigpond.com

At this point we have 26 delegates at the National Secretariat who will be attending the Ultreya. They are all looking forward to helping you celebrate this wonderful occasion. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the church was full to overflowing. Just imagine the experience of so many folk singing and praising the Lord in full voice. It would be helpful if we had some idea of numbers on the day for afternoon tea to help those catering.

CLIVE'S CORNER

Jesus was about to make the one supreme sacrifice of himself that would render the sacrificial system of the old covenant obsolete. When that happened, God would have no further need for the worship system of the temple. The temple was reaching its use-by date; it had to go. Roman soldiers got the job of demolishing it (they were expert wreckers). As the temple burnt in AD70, the gold melted and flowed down into the cracks between the stones. Scavengers saw the gold in the cracks and prised the stones apart to get the gold. No stone was left on another, as Jesus predicted would be the case.

From Life, Blood and Love by Clive Brook

AROUND THE DIOCESE

AMUA MOMENT

At our recent Executive meeting, we were sad to accept the resignations of some of our executive members. We want to thank Dr Robin Ray, Mrs Helen Keith and Rev'd Barry Paterson for their time on the NQ Executive and wish them well for their future ministries.

We were pleased to be able to appoint Mrs Rhonda Windsor as the new Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator and Mr. Ed Bray as the new Publications Department Coordinator. Thank you to both of them for stepping up to these positions. They will hold these positions until our Conference in 2019.

We were also able to finalise some details for our Conference which will be held in Townsville from 21st to 23rd September 2019. Please note the dates in your diary and please plan to join us. This is also an election year and all Executive positions will become vacant. Please pray about whether God might be calling you to one of these positions.

We extend our love and sympathy to the families of Mrs Betty Rath (Church of the Ascension Townsville) and Mrs Hazel Maltby (Holy Trinity Bowen) who have both recently passed into God's care. They were both long time members of Mother's Union.

Anne Watkins
Diocesan President



CLONCURRY

The mission team from Eaglevale Anglican Church Sydney travelled to Cloncurry to bring the children a holiday program.

The children followed the clues to 'Solve the mystery of the man who defeated death' A great time was had by all the children finishing on Friday with a movie night.

Whilst here the mission team combined with the other churches of Cloncurry to host a ladies afternoon and craft night and a Men's breakfast at the Gidgee Inn.

The Gidgee Inn sponsored these three events.

We also had a great time watching State of Origin on the big screen, especially because Queensland won. Both sides (NSW & Queenslanders) were very vocal in our little church hall.

This was Eaglevale's second visit to Cloncurry and we thank them for their commitment to our little town and our children. We also thank them for giving encouragement to the Christian people of Cloncurry.



PIONEER VALLEY

Pioneer Valley now have a new multipurpose toilet at our Walkerston Church.

Thanks to the generous grant received via The Gambling and Community Benefit Fund.

We have been blessed in many ways over the past year having received a very generous donation which went towards our assessment.

Five people are being prepared for Confirmation in September the Bishop's last visit to us.

Mirani Church is finally being painted in time for a wedding in late September for our newest member Krystal Cope and her fiancée Mark. Krystal teaches in Mirani and is on Parish Council and in 2nd year EfM.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Mission held its 10th annual Golf Day at the Rowes Bay Golf Club on Friday 20th July and although three companies pulled out of the event because of shipping in the Port, the other 60 players had a wonderful sunny day with great food, drink and company.

The team representing Townsville Shipping Agencies took out the first prize on the course receiving packages from Glencore Port Operations, the major sponsor of the event.



The Glencore Port Operations Golf Team

PATRONAL FESTIVALS IN August and September

In your prayers, please remember the following parishes who celebrate their patronal festivals in the next two months

August

6th	Transfiguration	Stephen Is
6th	St Saviour	Kuranda
18th	St Helen	Home Hill
28th	Bartholomew	Carmila
		Thursday Is

September

14th	Holy Cross	Babinda
		Saibai Island
15th	John Oliver Feetham	Cardwell
21st	St Matthew	Malanda
		Mundingburra
29th	St Michael and All Angels	Georgetown
		Injinoo
		Millaa Millaa

From the editor's desk:

Some years ago now, I was given a Round Tuit. It sat on my desk at school reminding me that I needed to get "around to it" on a more regular basis. Over various moves, I have lost it, and it seems that its absence has had a profound effect. I need a new one.

I have a habit of copying my work folder from my computer to an external drive at the end of each month. For those who know computers, it's a way of making sure that should the worst happen, at least your work files still exist.

Well the worst happened, didn't it? I came back from the Mothers' Union Executive meeting to find that my computer had died. Even the tech expert in town was not able to do a Lazarus on it. Well, I lost just over two week's work (maybe I should backup weekly). But horror of horrors! All my emails are gone. At least the ones I have received since the beginning of time are never to be recovered. I hadn't got around to backing them up. For some strange reason, my email server has kept all the ones I have sent.

Thank you to everyone who resent their contributions to this edition of "Reef & Beef". The stress that a computer crash generates was alleviated by your quick responses.

But this whole situation has led me to think about all the other things that I promise to do once I "get around to it". Perhaps we all should think about those things. There is a great variation on a well known phrase which goes: "never put off to tomorrow what you can do today, because if you enjoy it today, you can repeat it tomorrow." Good, eh? Kenneth



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