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Pentecost in the Burdekin

The Anglicans in the Burdekin from All Saints in Ayr and St Helen's in Home Hill joined together for Worship on Pentecost Sunday. They chose not to worship in their respective church buildings for the day, and gathered at Plantation Park at a Bush Chapel built by the local Lion's Club. Just as on the first Pentecost there was plenty of wind, and Fr. Dway was pleased when the communion table didn't blow away as it seemed that it possibly might have.

The children did a wonderful lesson with balloon's. They learned that just as balloons don't fulfill their purpose unless they are filled with air, as Christians, we may not be able to fulfill God's purposes for us unless we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

A wonderful time was had by all, and in true NQ Anglican tradition there was a sumptuous morning tea after worship.

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Ordination of Delfina Trail

St Helen's Anglican Church in Home Hill was honoured to host the Ordination of Delfina Trail on Sunday, 4th May. Delfina, who served most of her formative years of study in Home Hill has moved with her family to Rockhampton where she is now licensed as a Deacon. She has been part of the Lay Ministry team at St Helen's for many years, and is now sadly missed.

The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of North Queensland, Bishop Bill Ray, while other clergy in attendance included Ministry Development Officer Fr Ian McAllister, the Dean of the Cathedral in Townsville Rev John Candy, Rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Ayr and Locum Tenens of St Helen's Father Dway Goon Chew, Fr Bill Buckley and Rev Gwladys Buckley, Rev Clive Brooks of Townsville as well as other clergy, Lay Ministers and church Wardens.

Bishop Bill welcomed all family and friends of Delfina, including some who had traveled up from Rockhampton to support her. He also complimented the parishioners of Home Hill for their hospitality and preparation for the ordination ceremony.

A large crowd stayed for the luncheon which followed, and a cake was cut by Delfina to mark the occasion.

After making a presentation on behalf of St Helen's Anglican Church, Warden and Lay Minister, Alf Shand said it was great to see so many people present who held Delfina in such high regard. Mrs Marion Becke also offered Delfina congratulations on behalf of St Helen's on reaching the position of Deacon. As a wife, mother and grandmother, she said Delfina had been resolute in her years of studies and Rockhampton's gain was Home Hill's loss. God bless you Delfina.

BUSY FINGERS KNIT JUMPERS FOR AFRICAN BABIES

Generous ladies from St Helen's Anglican and the Uniting Church Home Hill, have responded to the request for knitted woollen jumpers for destitute African babies.

Most of these babies have no clothes, and some are even sent home after being born, wrapped in newspaper. To date, over 75 jumpers have been sent from Home Hill. To the knitters we say a big thankyou, and we pray blessings on each baby as the jumpers go.

Bill's Blog

Dear friends from across the Diocese,

Diocesan Council and Finance:

During this last month our Diocesan accounts have been audited. The auditors were very pleased with the progress we have made since the 2006. This has been due to the very hard work of our Accountant Ann Gledhill, along with Michelle and Nikki who make up the finance team. Our new General Manager Chris Nelson has also made a very valuable contribution. On behalf of the Diocese I thank these people for a ministry well done. This excellent result has been achieved because these people have worked long hours and certainly gone above and beyond the call of duty. As a Diocese we are so blessed with our staff. I trust you pray for them.

The Diocesan Council met last weekend. As a result of some very positive discussion, the audited accounts were adopted. The motion that the audited accounts be presented to Synod, was passed.

Unfortunately, the General Manager has received the resignation of our accountant. As a Diocese we are very sorry to lose Ann. However, we thank her all her hard work and commitment in getting the accounts in order. We wish Ann every blessing for her future.

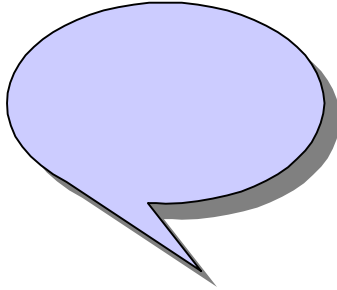
Also the General Synod Finance Group has been and is reviewing our accounts and financial processes. Their initial report was affirming.

Synod:

At the start of July, Synod will meet. Usually there are more negative comments about Synod than positive. In the past, I for one have been guilty of saying that: "Synods are the only 'talk-a-thon' that does not raise money!"

Synods have an interesting history and within the Anglican Communion, Australia has played an important part in establishing what has become known as an "episcopally and synodically governed" church structure. I remember that when I first went to a Synod I was a little confused by the process. As Bishop I am the President and it is my responsibility to make sure the process of Synod moves smoothly. I am helped in these matters by the Chairman of Committees, Mr Michael Fellows.

The 2008 Synod will be an important one in the life of the Diocese. We will be making decisions that will shape the future life of this Diocese. There will be a number of Canons (or the rules we make for ourselves) before this Synod. Also reports from diocesan organisations and motions from the various members of Synod will be presented and discussed.



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I have invited Mr Wayne Brighton to speak at the Synod Service and to lead a session on Saturday afternoon. Wayne has worked for the General Synod Office and is now with the Church Army. His role is to help churches to grow in their mission.

While only those who have been summoned to Synod can vote, anyone can attend Synod. If you are able to be present, do join us. Synod is a great time to catch up with others and the meal breaks are a good opportunity to make those connections.

I am excited about the prospect of this year's Synod.

Liturgical Year:

When I was a child, I use to think that the 'green' part of the liturgical year went on forever. The liturgical colour is green to remind us of our need to grow in Christ. The Sundays are known as Sundays after Pentecost. The latter part of the liturgical year is the time when we focus on the teachings and ministry of our Lord. (The former part of the liturgical year is when we focus on the earthly life of Christ.) It is my prayer this will be time of spiritual growth for us as we seek to integrate the teachings of our Lord into our lives. I don't know about you, but I still have much work to do to be more Christ like, I am a 'work in progress'.

The National Anglican Conference of Bishops:

This conference was held in Newcastle during April. I found it a great time of fellowship and learning. Our Primate did an excellent job is leading the Conference. People often ask, "What did we do for the week?" There is always too much food, but we do enjoy discussions as well as worshipping together. Each day there was a bible study and a formal business session, as well as opportunities to listen to guest speakers and participate in workshops.

Considerable time was spent addressing how bishop's care for themselves, and yes, I have taken a number of points on board. Also, we were asked to explore ways in which we as bishops could encourage our clergy to care for themselves, not only physically and emotionally, but spiritually. This issue is very important. I intend to address this next year when the clergy gather for clergy conference.

We spent quite a deal of time addressing the issue of the consecration of women as bishops in the Anglican Church. After much careful and thoughtful discussion, the bishops agreed to a protocol focused on how we will relate to each other and care for each other in the advent of women bishops.

All in all, I found the time spent at Bishop's conference, most helpful.

I pray that life is treating you well. I look forward to catching up with many of you at Synod early next month.

Yours in Christ

+ Bill.

An Update on St James Cathedral Restoration

As everyone who regularly visits or travels past St James Cathedral knows, scaffolding was erected around the bell tower in the week prior to Easter. This was a very visible phase of the restoration work.

The activity since that time has been much less visible. This is partly because of the green screening cloth but mostly because it has been mostly investigative work.

The scaffolding has enabled the detailed inspection and the close access that are necessary for the current stage of the project which is preparing a Conservation Management Plan for submission to the Environmental Protection Agency. The status of St James Cathedral as a heritage-listed building means that any significant work requires the submission of a detailed Conservation Management Plan before work can start.

Our consultant engineers at Base iGi have been gathering the data for the Conservation Management Plan by obtaining some key pieces of advice.

An eminent authority on heritage brickwork, Bill Jordan of Newcastle, has inspected the tower. Bill Jordan is noted for his work on brick buildings in the aftermath of the Newcastle earthquake. Mr Jordan has commented on the reasons for the deterioration of the brickwork. It seems that salt laden air has caused corrosion in metal elements which have subsequently expanded and cracked the brickwork. Also, the mortar used in this section of the Cathedral is not very porous and this has impeded the usual mechanism that occurs in brickwork where the salts migrate to the mortar. The result has been the flaking (fretting) of the surface of many bricks.

There has also been contact with Hervey Bagot of Adelaide who is an authority on bells. Mr Bagot has provided advice based on photos that he has been provided that showed him detail of the arrangement and condition of the Cathedral bell. There is significant damage to the bell mechanism. The pivot point of the bell is corroded and there are cracks in the supporting brickwork. The wooden headstock of the bell has cracked and slumped. As a result, the bell was assessed to be in an unsafe condition.

Due to the safety concerns with the bell, the vital work of making the bell safe was given first priority. This meant removing the bell from its mounting and lowering onto a special platform at the bottom of the belfry opening. This work was completed in early May to ensure that the bell was in a safe position before the commencement of roadwork activity later in May.

Base iGi will bring Hervey Bagot to Townsville shortly to have a closer look at the bell and the tower so that he can give specific advice on the care of the bell and how it should be remounted after the brickwork has been repaired.

The behind-the-scenes work of the restoration project will continue for a few more weeks and then we expect the physical work on the tower to commence.

Chris Nelson
Diocesan General Manager/Registrar

Got Soul

From the desk of the Ministry Development Officer

On Keeping Our Eyes Peeled

(from an idea of Frederick Buechner's in "Listening to Your Life")

I've discovered - if I really keep my eyes peeled and my ears opened, that among the hum and drum of my rather ordinary life, where nothing much happens and I find I'm spending a lot of time expanding the experiences I have in the hope that they will mean something to someone else - that God is, well, everywhere: sitting in front of the computer; kissing Jill as I leave for work; doing the washing; answering emails; driving the car; playing my flute; watching the sparrows feed off the morsels I throw to them; listening at night to the rain as it falls.

This is no new discovery. It's been the pleasure of many long before this time, but for now the joy is that there is no behaviour, no action so mundane, so ordinary, that God isn't in it somewhere, hidden maybe, but there, leaving us room to recognise him or not as the case may be. That's what makes it all the more compelling and fascinating.

If I was asked – and I've never been, but if I was – what the essence of both my work as an MDO and my work as a writer, I would say this: listen. Listen to your life. Look at what's going on around you. (Jane Austen believed that everything a writer needs to write about can be found within a 10 mile radius of their home). See it for what it is, a thing of fathomless mystery.

In the sheer ordinariness of it, no less than in the excitement of ascending yet another mountain-top, learn to smell, taste, touch, feel, hear and see your way into that holy place, that hidden place, that place where God lurks, because, in the end (I speak plainly here) every moment is a key moment and life itself is grace.

That's gotta be soul.



MDO

'Moving On' at St James Retirement Village

Residents at the Village are looking forward to the Annual General Meeting to be held in early July where the Diocese, as scheme operator, will finally be able to bring residents fully up to date in relation to the management of the Village. It has been a difficult 12 months for residents, Village management and the scheme operator as we have sought to 'move on' from the difficulties of the past.

At the Village AGM in March last the residents elected an Executive Committee whom they believed had the interests of all residents as their main focus. The major desire of residents now is to move forward and live in peaceful, carefree retirement living. We are focused on achieving this outcome.

Our Village has experienced turmoil over the past year and there have been difficult times. However, now is the time to 'move on' and enjoy all that this Village community has to offer. Residents, Village management and the Diocese are all committed to this and are working as hard as possible to make sure it happens. Our Village is a great place to live.

Jennifer Buckby,
President, Residents' Association

Tax Time

The month of June brings many thoughts about the end of the financial year and the preparation of income tax returns. In line with that thinking, many people decide to make their donations to various charities and appeals at this time of year. Of course these donations can be made at any time of year however the advantage of making a tax-deductible donation in June is that part of your donation can come back to you in a shorter time.

If you are thinking about making a tax deductible donation, here is a small sample of the many worthwhile causes you can consider:

St James Cathedral Conservation

This project is raising money for the repair work that is already underway on St James Cathedral. The support of many people from the Diocese is essential for the success of this project to restore the principal church of the Diocese.

Donations can be made to the St James Cathedral Conservation Appeal care of The Anglican Diocese of North Queensland, PO Box 1244, Townsville Q 4810. You can phone 4771 4175 if you need more information.

Anglicare North Queensland

Anglicare North Queensland is providing much needed community services, especially for at risk youth. Anglicare North Queensland currently has programs operating in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and on the

Atherton Tablelands and is looking for opportunities to expand further in North Queensland.

Donations can be made to Anglicare North Queensland, 179 Lake Street, Cairns Q 4870. You can phone Alice Bosanquet on 4041 5454 for more information.

Anglican Board of Mission Australia (ABM)

ABM is a major mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia and supports indigenous ministry in Australia and overseas development ministries with Anglican Church partners particularly in the Pacific and South East Asia.

Donations to overseas development are tax deductible and can be made to ABM through their Anglican Trust Fund for Development Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230.

Donations for Australian ministries are generally not tax deductible but can be made to ABM on the above address. More information and on-line donations can be found on www.abmission.org or by phoning 1300 302 663.

Whoever you give to and whatever amount you give, may God bless your generosity.

Chris Nelson
Diocesan General Manager

Staff in the Diocesan Office

Since I commenced as General Manager in early December 2007, it has been an eventful six months, particularly with regard to the staff of the Diocesan Registry.

The first staff change was the resignation of our bookkeeper, Trish Warburton. This was an expected move as Trish had plans to move to the cooler Tasmanian climate as soon as their house sold.

The two newest members of our Finance team, Michelle Innes and Nikki McKenzie, very quickly proved to be valuable members of the team and have applied themselves to clearing the backlog. Both ladies are also looking forward to happy events.

Michelle is expecting her second child in November so we have all seen ultrasound pictures of a fuzzy blob with legs which we are sure will eventually emerge as a beautiful baby.

Nikki is getting married to her fiancé, Russell, on the 7th June. Wedding plans have been listened to with great interest.

Earlier this year, both Julie Key's (Bishop's Personal

Assistant) and Julie Cliff (my Personal Assistant) went into hospital for operation. It was high pressure in the office without them but Christine Rosengren rose to the challenge and took on more work. It is pleasing to say that both Julies are back on deck and are a lot healthier. This is a big relief because the workload has increased as we approach Synod.

The latest news about the Diocesan staff is that our Accountant, Ann Gledhill is leaving us at the end of June. Ann has been with the Diocese for over a year and in that time has literally done several years worth of work reconstructing the Diocesan accounts. We are very grateful for the dedicated effort that Ann has put into the accounts and we are now in a much better position than when she came. We will be sad to see her depart but we wish Ann well as she makes the move she needs to make for her accounting career.

It's certainly not dull working in the Diocesan Registry and it is good to work with such a dedicated and easy-going group of people.

Chris Nelson
Diocesan General Manager

Positions Vacant

Diocesan Accountant
Can you make a difference?

Are you an accomplished accountant who is looking for a broad role in the not-for-profit sector?

The Anglican Diocese of North Queensland is looking for a professional and experienced accountant who can lead a small accounting team to maintain financial records and provide sound financial advice on a diverse range of activities.

This role is based in the Diocesan Office in Townsville. Townsville is unofficially the "Capital of North Queensland" and is a growing city of over 160,000 residents that embraces all services including quality educational and recreational facilities. Townsville has an attractive lifestyle and is an ideal place for families.

The Anglican Diocese of North Queensland conducts ministry and social services throughout the North Queensland region from Sarina to the Torres Strait and to the Northern Territory border. This ministry operates locally in a wide range of communities as well as institutionally through Anglicare NQ, schools, aged care and accommodation services.

To take on this role, the Diocese is looking for a qualified and experienced Accountant who can operate successfully in both the office team and the diverse

client contexts. Other key attributes required are:

- Good organisational skills
- Sound experience with presentation of financial accounts with regard to AIFRS
- Experience with oversight of the payroll function
- Familiarity with BAS, FBT and general ATO requirements
- Works well under pressure and meets deadlines
- A continuous improvement focus with respect to accounting systems
- Provision of sound advice based on analysis of financial performance and financial position
- Ability to work within the ethos of the Anglican Church of Australia

Experience with regard to retail operations will be well regarded but is not essential.

If you are interested in this position, a copy of the Position Description is available by contacting the Diocesan Office on admin@anglicannq.org or on 07 4771 4175.

Applications can be directed personally to the General Manager, Mr Chris Nelson by email to generalmanager@anglicannq.org

All applications will be treated as private and confidential.

National Day of Thanksgiving at West Mackay

Saturday May 10 at St Charles families enjoyed a BBQ to celebrate National day of Thanksgiving, Mothers Day and Pentecost.

On the eve of Pentecost, young and old gathered at St Charles Anglican Church, Mackay West for a BBQ in celebration of Pentecost and Mothers Day. After the BBQ, games and the joyful rendition of Happy Birthday, the children cut and distributed the Pentecost Cake. Families gathered for Children's Church in the brightly decorated church. The children wrote "thank you" prayers to release with the balloons. After cheerful singing, Fr Don explained the first Pentecost and the Holy Spirit in our lives. The children enjoyed creating white feather doves attached to red balloons. At the conclusion of the service many of the red helium balloons were released into the ceiling of the church (no turtles were affected by this helium release) Families are looking forward to the next Children's church (held 6pm on the first Saturday and 9am on the 3rd Sunday)



Ten Plays for Church

By Kevin Dodds

Christians of all ages will revel in Kevin Dodds' new collection of dramatic works, *Ten Plays for Church*, through these Bible stories."

These morally grounded plays are a combination of Bible-inspired stories and Christian principles. Through Bible adaptations and modern storylines, Dodds highlights the struggles of life and the delicate balance between good and evil.

The first play, entitled "The Devil's Scheme", illustrates the temptations the devil puts in the people's way in a bid to lure them away from the love of God. Ordinary people, including a teacher and an alcoholic, take to the stage and go about their daily business, unaware of the Devil's presence. Meanwhile, the Devil and his servant, No-Med, discuss whether they will be successful in tempting them.

Many of the plays are humorous, but their weighty messages open the audience's mind for further discussion. They serve as an entertaining aid to Bible study.

"The message conveyed is that of the 'Christian way' and life, together with the knowledge of God's love," Dodds says, "The plays have been given a modern setting in the hope that new life is breathed

He covers a variety of issues, including forgiveness, temptation and hope. "The hope is that these plays will bring people closer to God and inspire them on to further reading or encouragement during difficult times," he says.

Dodds studied as an actor at the Mountview Theatre School in London in 1978. He lives in Cornwall, England with his wife and two daughters, and is a Church of England Lay Reader. While studying for the lay ministry, he was inspired to write the plays that appear in *Ten Plays for Church*. This is his first book.

For orders and further information on the book:

<http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/BookHome.aspx>

TEL: (UK) 0800 197 4150

TEL: (US) 1-800-839-8640

Also available from:

www.amazon.com

Wangaratta Cathedral Centenary Update

More than 100 former choristers from Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta have been invited to a reunion to celebrate the cathedral's centenary.

The choir reunion is being held on Sunday, 29 June and follows a weekend-long celebration for bellringers earlier in the month.

Although Holy Trinity Cathedral had small choirs from as early as the 1920s, it was in the 1960s that the choir was restructured along the lines of those of the great Anglican cathedrals in the Australian capital cities and England.

The choir now has around 20 men and boys ranging in age from 9 to 65. It is believed to be the only traditional cathedral choir still operating in rural Australia.

Former choristers from Holy Trinity Cathedral can now be found throughout Australia, and in the UK. A number have built on the experience and skills learnt in Wangaratta and become professional musicians.

The reunion on 29 June will include lunch and the opportunity to take part in a musical event in the afternoon.

Further information may be obtained from the centenary committee at the Cathedral Parish Office, 6 The Close, Wangaratta Vic 3677. Tel (03) 5721 3719.

Email: wangarattacathedraloffice@bigpond.com.au

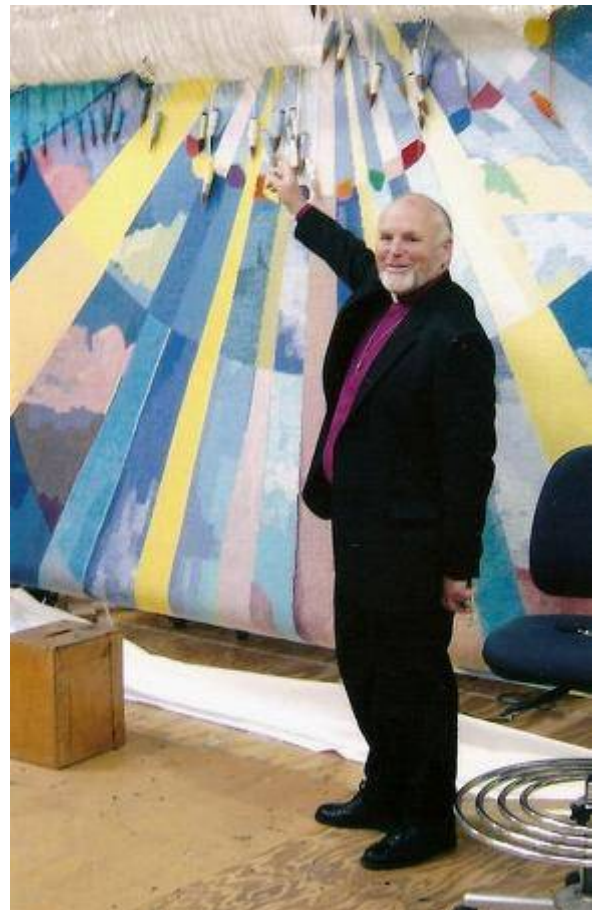
Other centenary events include a magic lantern show, featuring scenes from the building of the cathedral in 1908, a diocesan schools day and a community musical showcase in which funds raised will be used to support music in its any forms in Wangaratta.

The centenary events will culminate in a festival weekend on 13-14 September when the Metropolitan, Archbishop Philip Freier, will be attending to preach at the festival Eucharist.

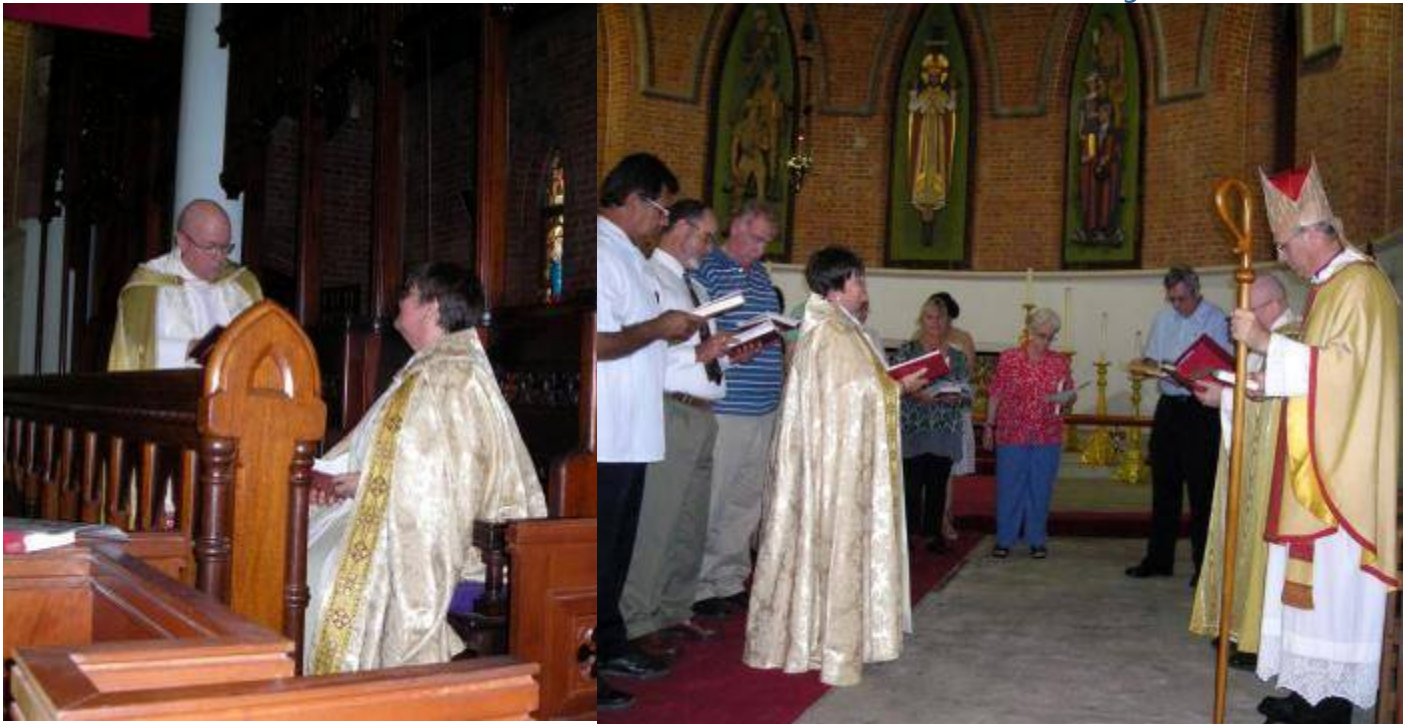
The Rt Revd David Farrer, soon to resign as Bishop of Wangaratta and move to the parish of Arundel in England, will return to participate in the dedication of the cathedral's new tapestry during the Eucharist.

Being made in Melbourne, the \$240,000 tapestry measures 8 metres by 3 metres and will hang on the West Wall behind the altar. The dedication will be the culmination of a project set in motion by Bishop David over eight years ago to produce an artwork with the potential of becoming an icon of Wangaratta.

Holy Trinity Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese of Wangaratta which covers the north east of the State of Victoria and the Albury district of New South Wales, an area of 40,867 square kilometres.



Photos from the Installation of Canon Sharon Haystrom



Kuranda Op Shop



The photo to the left is of the extensions to Kuranda Op Shop. The proceeds from the Kuranda Op Shop go to seeding new ministry opportunities.

Calendar

JUNE

Wednesday 18th	4 pm	Area Deans Teleconference
Sunday 22nd	9 am	Confirmation Service St Alban's Innisfail
Sunday 29th	9 am	Service – Patronal Festival St Peter's West End

JULY

Friday 4th		SYNOD St James Cathedral
Saturday 5th		SYNOD JCU
Sunday 6th		SYNOD JCU
Tuesday 8th to Monday 4th August		LAMBETH CONFERENCE United Kingdom

MU Australia Queensland State Conference

**St Charles, Nebo Road, Mackay
30th May to 2nd June 2008**

It has all been said before! The venue, the altar, the prayer-hearts adorning the cross, the speakers, the decorations, the food, the different cultures – 135 members and observers (40 from Brisbane Diocese and 4 from Rockhampton Diocese) gathered together in fellowship for a great time of learning and sharing. Our theme – “Setting Hearts on Fire – Hand in Hand” was echoed throughout the conference, but especially by the Conference Song “Hearts on Fire” with permission from Brisbane songwriter Michael Mangan, one verse declaring
“We are the voice of Jesus,
We are his heart and hands,
We are his body in our land.
Stand up! Live the story.
To all the world proclaim.
Go out to all creation
Lighting the fire, fanning the flames.”

And our Conference Prayer written by North Queensland Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator Carilyn Kennell, part of which prays
“Set our hearts on fire with a burning desire
to share your love and word with those along the way.
Then Lord, be our companion on the journey
as we dare not travel alone.
For you are our strength and our guide.”

North Queensland Diocesan Bishop Bill Ray celebrated for the opening service and in his unique way stirred our hearts. The conference services were lovingly planned by Rev’d Janet Story. And of course our host Parish of St Charles with their rector Rev’d Don Ford did a marvellous job, working tirelessly before, during and after the conference. The conference team led by State President Lyn Faulkner – “a hard act to follow”.

The speakers – Bronwyn Fryar, Australian Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator, Carolyn Ford, Australian Education Coordinator, Rev’d Ian McAlister, North Queensland Diocesan Ministry Officer, Deane Bray, Australian President.

Who could forget Jill McAlister, our “after-dinner-speaker”, who gave us some idea of life as the proud mother of Incy Wincy Spider, the singing by our Indigenous members, the Op Shop Wedding, the skits by Brisbane Diocese – one about Jonah and his quest for freedom and the other of a couple choosing a new church. And don’t forget the saga of Bill the Brilliant Branch and Basil’s pruning, and Ian’s rendition of his “Mothers’ Union Blues”.

North Queensland Diocesan President Nancie Irvin expresses her thanks to Australia Council for their continuing financial assistance through Northern Outreach, allowing us to bring delegates from the Torres Strait and Peninsula Regions to share in the conferences. As one member put it, “We are learning more every year, and we pass on what we learn to our sisters.”

Two collections were taken - \$734.35 for the Myanmar Appeal and \$298.25 for the Indigenous Anglican Youth Group Mission Team to USA “Trail of Hope Youth Gathering 29 June to 3 July 2008”. Thank you all who contributed.

Some comments we have received:
“There were angels working quietly in the background looking after our every need”.

“So much thoughtful preparation, and the venue was just right”.

Early one morning two of our Brisbane members went bird-watching in the Botanical Gardens close by, leaving their “porridge”(muesli) to “cool”(soak), returning like the three bears to find that “Goldilocks” had “eaten it all up”. But a happy ending – the motel cleaners who had been tidying up replaced their breakfast.

“The worship services were very uplifting, imaginative, innovative, without losing any of the spirituality. As usual, the input from the indigenous people gave worship a special lift.”

“The workshops were well researched and challenging. We learned something new from each

one. Each workshop brought out a different aspect of the theme “Setting Hearts on Fire – Hand in Hand”, whilst using the same text of “The Journey to Emmaus” – The Holy Spirit must have been busy here!”

“We really enjoyed all that Bishop Bill Ray had to offer.”

“We must express our sincere thanks to those who were willing to meet trains, buses and planes (some at unearthly hours) and for the breakfast provided for us before we could get into our motel rooms.”

“Thank you Helen for the wonderful ‘Getting to know you’ activity on the first night. – We really enjoyed it.”

“Thank you for the great FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP.”

**MU Australia North Queensland Conference
St Charles, Nebo Road, Mackay
30th May 2008**

North Queensland Conference this year was held on Friday 30th May prior to the registrations for State Conference and “Getting to Know You” at 4 p.m. The day started with an Executive Breakfast catered by Don and Carolynn Ford – what a spread! After the Executive Meeting we moved to the hall for the Annual General Meeting, followed by a wonderful barbecue lunch for over 70 members catered by the St Charles “team”. Then it was back to work with the Diocesan Council meeting before welcoming the Brisbane Diocese and Rockhampton Diocese members.



Clockwise from above:
Children setting the scene at the opening service with helium balloons; Rev Ian and Bishop Bill keeping an eye on proceedings during the getting to know you session; The closing ceremony with Rev’s Fae Rouse, Don Ford and Noel Moloney with table centrepieces around the altar.

Needed Urgently!!!!

The Current editors are going on a holiday and will not be available to put together and send out the August edition of NQ Chimes.

If you can use a computer then maybe you could help.

We are after someone willing to put together the August edition and to send it out.

If you are willing to help then please contact either Brenda or Christian on

nqchime@anglicannq.org