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A Time of Discovery and Hope



It's easy to believe, often incorrectly, that the Anglican Church is only what we know of it. Serving as a Rector in a traditional Anglican parish in regional New South Wales I've been guilty of this. Sometimes we even make it worse by assuming that the only models of successful churches worth copying are also within these limits of our experience.

Surrounded by an ever increasing number of contemporary evangelical churches, I'd sadly come to believe that the only hope for the Anglican Church might be in replicating this style. This belief was also accompanied by a persistent unease of where this may end. Despite coming from an evangelical background, I couldn't help thinking that the loss of our sacramental and liturgical heritage would impoverish the rich and varied worship of our Church, with little to distinguish it from the countless other churches in our neighbourhoods.

Just over a year ago I accepted a call to become Rector of St John's Wagga Wagga, because I believed

that if the richness of Anglicanism was going to continue within our Diocese, then it was crucial that large churches such as St John's showed how mission and evangelism could be done, and I wanted to be at the forefront of this. The only question was, where would I find my inspiration and a model to follow?



Graciously God answered this question by giving me the opportunity to attend the third Anglican Leadership Institute in Charleston, South Carolina. Over the month of January I had the privilege of living and studying with 16 wonderful people from Africa, Asia, Australia,

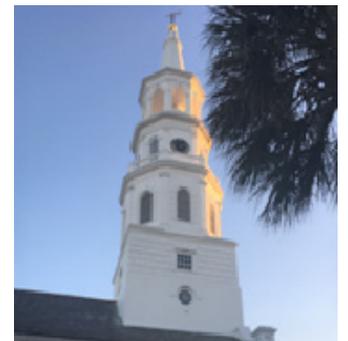
South America and the United States, all Anglican, from 12 enormously different socioeconomic situations, yet all united in Jesus Christ and all one family; laughing, singing and having fun together.

As the month progressed and my ears filled with accents from all over the globe, I began for the first time to understand the breadth of Anglicanism and the vastness of its potential in Christ Jesus.

The generosity of our South Carolina hosts and their willingness to invite us into their homes reinforced to me how powerful hospitality is in bringing people together, whether it was a 'Low Country Boil-up', an 'Oyster Roast' or some irresistible Southern Style Cooking.

Talking with my African brothers from Ghana, South Sudan, Tanzania, Burundi and Nigeria, I was humbled to learn that there are today Anglican priests and bishops faithfully planting new churches and growing new Dioceses, without money or resources, leaving behind families and enduring persecution for the sake of the Kingdom. This commitment to mission was vividly brought home to me at the end of the course when I was filling up my suitcase with new clothes and shoes, while John from Sudan was filling up his with pencils and exercise books for the pupils back home for a school he had started.

The friends I made from Sydney, Asia and Northern Ireland allowed me once again to experience the excitement and joy of starting off in ministry and the endless possibilities that wait for us when



we answer God's call. Likewise, listening to great speakers from Vancouver, London and Philadelphia, as they shared their wisdom on Post-Modernism, Biblical Counselling, Leadership and historical leaders, served to remind me of the great treasury of knowledge that lies within our church and kindled fresh enthusiasm for mission within me.

The thing I treasured the most however, was having the opportunity to see Anglican churches with a strong liturgical and sacramental focus, passionate about evangelism, planting new churches and having significant healing and prayer ministries. It has instilled within me a new sense of hope and purpose, and the knowledge that the future of Anglicanism is not monochrome but diverse and vibrant.

by Venerable David Ruthven



BISHOP STUART ROBINSON WRITES

Lenten greetings, beloved!



A few weeks ago the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, urged the global Communion to pray, "...thy Kingdom come". Here is the link: <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5835/thy-kingdom-come-2017-archbishop-of-canterbury-launches-pledgetoprayer>.

In short, +Justin is (quite rightly) inviting us all to be praying that those in our purview will come to know Jesus as Lord and

Saviour; that they might enjoy the benefits of living under the loving Lordship of Jesus. And I would enjoin you to take his words (and of course the words from our Lord's prayer) to heart.

In the church where I have a special responsibility, I'm encouraging people – as a Lenten discipline – to pray for just one person; that God will open their eyes and hearts to the truth of the gospel and to then, if appropriate, invite them to a service over Holy Week.

I was amazed that some people invited their friends to an Ash Wednesday event. And I'm pleased to report that it was a great experience (for the invitee). So right now I'm praying for some close friends (all of whom are 'seekers') and am asking that God's Kingdom – his rule and reign – will become a reality in their lives.

I'd also be very pleased for you to pray for my 'Walk with the Cross' on Good Friday. I know that most readers will be shar-

ing in services in your local parishes – so for your prayers, I'll be carrying my large cross from Christ Church West Goulburn (10.30am) into Belmore Park (via the Cathedral) for an open air service (at 11.30am). In this very simple service I'll be explaining Christ's passion and I'll be inviting people to publicly respond to Jesus. Each year people 'come

forward' and are followed up by local churches. I know this isn't everyone's style, but for me it is a way of participating in the coming of Christ's kingdom.

Warmly,

+Stuart.
Bishop.

Our Diocese is committed to holistic Safe Church Ministry. This means: we commit to our pastoral, duty of care, legal and insurance obligations; with the goal that all ministries are spiritually, emotionally and physically safe; based on the premise that Diocesan parishes and ministries should be person-valuing and respectful places free from abuse and harm, for ministry to God's glory.

The Creating Safe Ministries program assists us to fulfil this commitment. Details of these can be found here: www.anglicancg.org.au/pages/safe-communities-training-and-workshops.html

By the end of April the Diocese will have access to an *Online Version* of the Creating Safe Ministries workshop through OpenLearning. Once the Online Course is ready to go, the Safe Communities Unit will be in contact with all parishes to give them information on how to access the course.

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Clergy Moves

The Reverend Eric Burton was licensed as Hon Chaplain to the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship from 25 Feb 2017.

In addition to his Episcopal responsibilities *Bishop Trevor Edwards* has been licensed as Acting Rector Bega effective from 1 Mar 2017.

The Reverend Rob Donald has resigned as Rector of Cootamundra effective from 5 May 2017.

The Reverend Paul Harris has resigned as Chaplain at Canberra Girls Grammar School effective from 7 April 2017 to take up the appointment as Rector in the Parish of Burnside, Diocese of Adelaide.

The Reverend Peter Malone has been licensed as Warden/ Chaplain at Brindabella Court Retirement Village (effective from 30 Sep 2015), Warden/Chaplain at St David's Retirement Village (effective from 10 Oct 2016), Hon Deacon Assistant to Christ Church Hawker & Hon Deacon Assistant to St David's Red Hill.

The Venerable Emeritus Anne Ranse has been licensed as Hon Deacon within the Parish of Jamison for a period of two years from 9 Feb 2017.

The Reverend Emma Street will be licensed as part time Chaplain at the Canberra Airport, a new pioneering ministry, in addition to her responsibilities as Assistant Minister Business Life and Parish of Holt.

The Reverend Canon Gill Varcoe has been licensed as Missioner-at-large and Associate Priest F5 Refresh Chaplaincy Unit and Bishop's Chaplain for charismatic expressions of ministry.

Meet the New Deacons

Alex Abecina

Alex Abecina was born in the Philippines, grew up in Sydney, moved to Vancouver for a few years, and now lives in Canberra, where he has been the Head of Ministry at Burgmann Anglican School since 2011. Alex learned about the message of the Bible through weekly public school Scripture lessons, and became a follower of Jesus in grade 11. By God's grace he has been learning to be a disciple of Christ ever since, seeking to live a life that loves God and others, and bearing a witness to the gospel of Jesus.

Alex is married to Jenn, and together they are raising their four children, Felix, Miguel, Theodor, and Ana. After receiving his Bachelor of Science from UTS, Alex went on to teach physics and maths at Shore School, before moving on to Barker College to take up a role as Christian Youth Worker and maths teacher. It was at Barker that he first considered pursuing school chaplaincy full time. Alex and Jenn then packed their bags for Canada, Jenn's homeland, to pursue theological study at Regent College, Vancou-

ver. He received a Master of Arts, concentrating in patristic theology, and published his thesis on Gregory of Nyssa through the Centre for Early Christian Studies (ACU).

Currently, as Head of Ministry at Burgmann, Alex serves as chaplain to staff and students, encourages students and staff to grow in their faith, and also teaches Christian Living and Religious Studies to senior school students. In his leisure time Alex loves to read and write, play his guitar, go for a run, share a coffee with Jenn, and play at the park with his kids.



Timothy Purser

Timothy Purser grew up in Canberra. He finished his schooling at Radford College in 2002 before leaving Canberra to study Commerce and Law at the University of New England, Armidale. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW and practiced as a lawyer before completing his theology degree in Sydney.

While in Sydney he worked for four years as a Lay Stipendiary Minister at Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli. It was there that he met his wife Elaine. They were married in 2015 and moved back to Canberra where he began work as the assistant minister at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Curtin, looking after the ShepherdPM service.

His ministry passions are evangelism, preaching, discipling leaders within the church and

innovation in ministry. Recently, Tim and Elaine welcomed their first child, Anita, into the world. Tim's new hobbies include changing nappies, giving cuddles and avoiding being spewed on! When he is not doing these things he loves good coffee, travelling, reading, sport and spending time with close friends.



Graeme Dunn

Graeme Dunn was born in 1947 and lived in Newcastle for 44 years of his life.

Graeme is married to Kathy (47 years) and they have three adult children: Michelle, Steven and Bradley and eight grandchildren.

Graeme was very active in the Diocese of Newcastle at an early age with The Church of England Boys Society, Young Anglican Fellowship, Sunday School teaching and as a Server, all in the Hamilton parish.

When Graeme and Kathy were married in 1970 they moved to Lake Macquarie and in 1971 Graeme planted a CEBS branch at Warners Bay. During the 1970's and early 80's Graeme was very active in parish work and was instrumental in planting a worship centre at Valentine, a small village on Lake Macquarie.

Graeme and Kathy were appointed Manager/caretakers of Camp YONDAIO, the Diocesan Youth Camp south of Newcastle in late 1987.

Graeme's employment saw the family move to Goulburn in 1992 where the family settled into parish life at St Saviour's Cathedral. Graeme served the parish as a Server, Eucharistic Assistant, Lay Reader, Dean's Warden, Bishop's Warden and Cathedral Warden. Graeme also served as the Chairman for the Hall Refurbishment

Committee.

Graeme and Kathy currently worship at Christ Church West Goulburn where Graeme is a Eucharistic Assistant, Lay Reader and a member of the music group in which Graeme plays acoustic guitar.

Graeme is a Plumber and Gas-fitter by trade and also holds a certificate in Human Resource Management. He is currently undertaking theological studies through Moore Theological College.

Graeme's call to the ordained ministry follows many years of seeking, and a profound vision in September this year in which God clearly directed him on his future journey.

He believes that his ministry is to the people of West Goulburn Anglican and to the sick, the lonely, the marginalised and to those seeking God in their lives.



Timothy Hall

Tim has worked in a variety of ministry contexts in NSW, Qld and currently at Gungahlin Anglican Church in the northern suburbs of the ACT, where he currently serves as the Lay Assistant Minister with the Forde congregation. Tim loves seeing how understanding the good news about Jesus changes people's lives, and loves using any means at his disposal – music, preaching, one-to-one discipleship – to help people understand this truth.

Tim has been married to Fiona for 12 years, and has four children: Micah (6), Evangeline (4), Jemima (2) and Esther (15 weeks). Spare time doesn't exist,

but if Tim did have spare time, you would find him in his home recording studio, working on his own recordings or collaborations with his brother.



Anna Boxwell

Anna grew up on a wool property in Bookham, NSW, in a loving Christian home, but wandered away from faith during high school. Praise God, he didn't let her go, and during University in Wagga she reconnected with church and once again found saving faith in Jesus. There is nothing more precious to Anna than that Jesus bought her freedom at the expense of his life. Anna now seeks to live in joyful, creative response to that love, sharing the story of Jesus with others.

Anna and her husband Steve studied theology at Moore Theological College in Sydney. Anna graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity and her thesis was in an area of theological ethics and assisted reproductive technologies. Anna and Steve, and a team from their parish of Lanyon Valley, are in the process of planting a new church, Renew Anglican



Church in Tuggeranong, where she will serve as a deacon. She is involved in ministry training through St Mark's National Theological Centre with the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology, and serves as the chair of Canberra Women's Christian Convention for churches from all denominations across our region. Anna and Steve have one daughter, Florence.

Photos taken on February 25th by Brad Nichol - Zero One Imaging

John Kuruvilla



Born and brought up in a Christian family, John came to a decision to follow Christ at the age of 16, through one of his Sunday school teachers. He was nurtured in his Christian walk by the ancient Mar Thoma Church, a reformed wing of the Indian Church, which is in full communion with the Anglican Churches world-wide.

In relation to work, John has lived and worked in five different countries. Wherever John went, he either established fellowships or became active in Churches and ecumenical Christian organisations, always showing Christ to others. Trained as an electrical engineer, John worked in as many industries before resigning to study Theology at St Mark's.

Since then, he took a degree in Theology, an Advanced Diploma in Ministry and Theology and is currently pursuing a Post Graduate degree in Christian Ministry through CSU. Along with his passion for ministry, John works for Canberra Institute of Technology as a part-time teacher.

John had the privilege of working as a Youth Leader, Sunday school teacher, Lay Leader, Bible teacher etc since his youth. In 2008, he had the opportunity to work alongside some other believers to establish a Mar Thoma congregation in Canberra. It was through two of his professors at St Mark's (who later became Bishops) that John began his discernment process, which culminates today in this ordination.

John is married to Molly, who loves to cook and cater to anyone who drops in to their home. They have three children who are married and are blessed with two grandchildren. They are working on a new project called Spice of life, blending John's love for evangelism and Molly's culinary skills.

John is an active member of St Stephen's Anglican Church in Kambah and he will continue his ministry in this parish after his ordination as deacon.

Sally Cullen

Sally grew up in the Parish of Crookwell at a time when opportunities for women to serve in the Anglican church were changing. As a 16-year-old, the 1992/93 debate about ordination of women had a profound impact, although at that point not imagining that she would one day follow in their footsteps to herself be ordained. Throughout her life she has been blessed with many amazing women, both lay and ordained, as mentors and role models and as friends. This has helped to shape the woman God has called her to become.

After training as a teacher at the University of Wollongong, Sally's varied career has led her to retail, running her own small business, tuition, teaching English in Korea, teaching in both high school and primary, learning support teacher, direct sales, accommodation, design and youth and family ministry in the Parish of Tumut.

Within the church there have been opportunities to serve with Camp Pelican, both as a leader and director, and Cursillo, as both team member and lay director. Sally has also served in various roles in the Parish of Crookwell and is part of the F5 Refresh Ministries team based in Goulburn. Growing up in both a Christian family and the wider family of God across denominations and locations has been a source of strength and blessing.

Sally is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the new role of Rural Chaplain to the communities of Binda and Bigga present. She will continue to work as part of the F5 team and to run her own business.



Elizabeth Rankin

Liz Rankin, a single mother of Clara and Matilda, has been living in Batemans Bay since early 2008. Originally from Melbourne, Liz moved to the South Coast of NSW for a sea change. What she wasn't expecting was to find Jesus there and have her whole life change. In 2012 Liz entered the discernment process and then her world took a further turn as she was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. Her life was put on hold for treatment and it was through this period of her journey that God really took hold of her life and began some major works.

Having weathered her life storm Liz continued her theological studies, growing not only in her knowledge of God but deepening her relationship with God. Liz has already given herself as a vessel to be used in the mission field of God here on earth and

continues to refine her life by the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Liz feels that her ordination into the Deaconate is an honourable, humbling and joyous time for both herself and family alike. God has been ever so faithful to His promises and continues to mould Liz into the masterpiece he designed, equipping her with all her needs for every step of the continued journey.



Bishop Trevor Edwards, in his ordination sermon, exhorted the new deacons to be an example in knowing Christ and in loving like Christ:

Being a deacon is not just about what you do, but is actually about who you are. It is about your being not just your doing. It is essentially about your wholehearted commitment to knowing Christ and loving like Christ ...

... What then does knowing Christ more fully mean? ... We get to know Christ as we spend time in his company, listening to him speak in the Scriptures, talking to him in prayer, accepting his invitations, trusting his promises and making his concerns our daily living.

However the whole context [of Philippians 3] suggests we will only know him more fully by living a cross-shaped life, by daily denying self and following Jesus and in particular by being willing to suffer with him (vs 10) ...

...

... While loving sacrificial service imitating Jesus is a call on the lives of all his disciples, there is a real sense in which it remains the essence of ordained diaconal ministry ...

Paul Baxter

During the completion of his undergraduate degree in the late 60s, Paul was challenged to consider going into full-time theological studies and present himself for ordained ministry. However, in seeking God's guidance, Paul believes that he was led not into full-time ordained ministry, but into a full-time role within the public sector and business community as an economic consultant and business advisor. This role took him to many parts of the globe and into a ministry for the Lord that extended beyond his home church to peoples in other countries, particularly in his work in PNG and the Pacific islands.

In this role Paul has been fully supported by Robyn, his wife for over 48 years, and together they have raised two delightful daughters who in turn (and with their respective husbands) have each blessed their parents with three grandchildren.

Paul has been involved in a wide range of ministries in the Canberra Goulburn Diocese. These have ranged from teaching Sunday school at St John's, Reid, being a foundation member of St James, Holt (then, Belconnen 'C'), serving as a church warden, parish councillor, and Synod rep over many years, being an active participant in the running of the early Alpha courses in Canberra, and team member of multiple Cursillo weekends including taking Cursillo to other dioceses. He has also applied his business



acumen to various roles within the church, including as a member of the Audit Committees of the Canberra Goulburn Diocese and the Sydney Diocese, inaugural Chair of the Anglicare Board, and Board member of Scripture Union ACT.

Paul has been known to get a tune out of a piano or any other keyboard, and takes great delight from being part of any musical activity where people can lift their voices to praise the Lord.

In more recent years Paul has been a foundation member of F5 Ministries centred on Goulburn and surrounding areas. It is to this role as a pastor of this church plant, and particularly working with the 'empty nesters', that Paul (and Robyn) believe they have been called to minister in an ordained role. Paul can testify to the calling of God in his life, and that now is the right time to take up the mantle of an ordained position within the church.

Robyn Baxter

Robyn became a Christian at the Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney and began attending a very Biblically-based church where there was good Bible teaching as well as courses run through Moore College. She began teaching Sunday school and was a leader in GFS, Girls' Brigade and Camp Howard.

Robyn is married to Paul and has two daughters and six grandchildren on whom she dotes!! On moving to Canberra she was initially involved with St John's Reid and then, on moving to Belconnen, she and Paul became foundation members of St James Holt. At St James Robyn was a Sunday school teacher, RE teacher and area coordinator, Youth Group leader and Bible Study leader.

She was part of many Alpha teams and has been on and led several Cursillos. Robyn has also been a Parish Councillor, Synod Representative and a Synergy board member. Robyn was on the preaching and teaching team at St James.

She was also on the founding team for, then oversaw the running of, two very large successful Playgroups.

Robyn's passion is to encourage Christians to experience a very close personal relationship with God and to know the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. When renewal came to St James, Robyn trained and led the Prayer team and then trained prayer teams in churches throughout the ACT and NSW.

Robyn trained and worked as a school teacher and then as a Workplace trainer. Later she retrained as a Counsellor/Family Therapist, working with many clergy and leaders throughout all denominations. Following the Canberra bushfires she worked in several churches with people who had experienced loss and heartbreak.

Robyn was on the founding team for F5 Ministries in Goulburn where she has been working in the role of lay pastor. She feels especially called to F10, a group of delightful, disparate people who are learning to share their lives together and show care and support for each other. She believes that this is the right time for ordination as F10 is growing and would benefit from having their own chaplains.

Michelle Philp

Michelle grew up in Wagga Wagga, NSW, where she began to explore Christianity and became a Christian towards the end of her high school years. She remembers making the commitment to 'keep going to church until she figured out who this Jesus guy was' and once she did, she couldn't stop!

She studied Chemical Engineering at UNSW and while there decided the message of Jesus was so important she wanted to tell others about him full time.

After four years working as an engineer in Queensland, Michelle returned to Sydney and began ministry training, completing a ministry apprenticeship over three years and a Bachelor of Divinity over

four. Since then she has worked as the women's pastor in two different churches, one Anglican and one Independent, and completed her MA (Theol).

She is now beginning a new phase of ministry life as she prepares to be a RAAF Reserve Chaplain alongside running her own freelance women's ministry T2Women (named after Titus 2).

On days off she can be found walking her dog, Baxter, to their favourite café by Yerrabi Pond.



Susan Baird

I was born in Young, New South Wales, in 1969. My parents Graeme and Ann Baird already had three children, Wendy, Helen and David. On the day I was born I was flown to The Children's Hospital in Sydney, where I had major surgery on my spine, because I was born with Spina Bifida. I was baptised whilst in hospital, into the Methodist Communion of Australia. A short time after I was born my family moved to Sydney where I lived for most of my childhood. Mum, Dad and I then moved to Nowra and then Vincentia where I completed high school at Nowra High.

I then returned to Sydney to attend university and completed an Associate Diploma in Education at the Catholic University and later a Bachelor of Theology Degree at the United Theological College. My past work experience included being a Social Educator, working with adults with intellectual impairments, serving as a pastoral carer in hospitals and in the mental health area and, more recently, tutoring refugees as part of Mission Australia's Home Tutoring Scheme.

I was warmly received into the congregation here at the Cathedral Church of St Saviour's in



2016 and became confirmed as a member later that year.

I am very thankful to my parents and my siblings and their families, for their belief in me and for their continued unconditional love and support. I know that it has helped me to become the strong and confident woman I am today.

My dear dad died two years ago and I carry his love in my heart. I remember him telling me that, God willing, and with the Church's blessing, I would be Ordained as a Deacon. Dad believed it would be a "special day!". It is a special day and I am thankful to God for leading me to this day and look forward to serving God as the Deacon He has called me to be.

Peter Dyke

Peter was born and raised near Brighton in the UK. Over the years Peter has worked as a Social Worker in the North of England, managed the London SPCK shop and served as Chair of the Christian Booksellers Group. He trained at the University of Warwick to become a counsellor and, later, a Registered Psychotherapist, employed by not-for-profit Christian community agencies and in independent practice. Peter is currently Convenor of the local branch of counsellors.

Coming from a Christian (Anglican) family, Peter's faith emerged as a teenager and continues to grow through life's challenges. He has been involved in church leadership wherever he has worshipped, serving on parish councils, being Treasurer, and taking his part on the usual rosters. He completed his ministry training with the dioceses of Oxford and Coventry, becoming a Reader in the Church of England in 2007.

The twin themes of wholeness and community have characterised Peter's spiritual life and Christian service. He was co-founder and Treasurer of the Lancaster Alcohol Advice Centre, a community initiative of the local churches. More recently

Peter has delivered counselling and training services to community centres in Adelaide. He serves as Treasurer of the Suicide Prevention Awareness Network – Queanbeyan Inc., a new community initiative working towards becoming a charity.

The theme of wholeness is currently expressed through his practice of psychotherapy, pastoral counselling, reflective practice, spiritual direction and professional supervision. Peter looks forward to a renewed expression of this theme and his passion after Ordination.

Peter is married to Elizabeth. They have three adult children and five grandchildren, all living in the UK. His hobbies include nature photography, walking and cycling.



Tony McLennan



As the CEO of Bible League, Tony oversees the running of Bible League in Australia and New Zealand.

Working with Global Partner, Bible League International, Bible League Australia and New Zealand serves the under-resourced Church globally by providing Bibles, biblical resources and train-

ing to transform lives worldwide.

Prior to his involvement with Bible League, Tony held senior executive roles in consulting, engineering and financial services companies. Through LBA Consulting in Sydney he worked as a business consultant in the fields of financial services, capital raising, private equity, marketing and business development. His work, among other things, involved over 25 years of helping corporations, management teams and individuals to achieve greater results and improved revenue positions. Client companies supported included many prominent companies as well as a number of smaller organisations.

After graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Tony's career developed after almost 10 years' service as an Officer in the Australian Army. His

military service was followed by a period of Christian ministry including some years as a Principal of Calvary Christian College in Townsville.

From 2000 and for almost fifteen years, Tony ran Business Alpha on a voluntary basis throughout Australia in partnership with Alpha Australia. He subsequently formed Business Life, which continues to this day as an organisation that fosters the sharing of the Gospel in the workplace in order to assist executives, professionals and workers. Business Life participants learn of God's saving power through Christ and good standards of ethical character in the business world are shared and promoted. The Navigator Business and Professional Ministry is supported by Business Life.

Tony has written or co-authored several books and pub-

lications including *Becoming a Disciple of Jesus*, *The Way of Life*, *Bringing Others to Jesus*, *The Business Life Project*, *The Vision to Action Manual for Business Alpha* and *Your Business Life Group and You*. His latest booklets, *The Power of God's Word* and *The God Revolution*, are expected to be released in 2017.

Today Tony is a much-in-demand speaker, bringing a message of hope and encouragement to churches as well as business and professional groups throughout Australia and New Zealand. His primary focus is to help people to encounter God through Jesus Christ and to go on to help others come to know Him as well.

Tony and his wife, Marie-Louise, are blessed with four wonderful sons and a daughter and eight grandchildren.

Church returns to East Goulburn



Sunday February 26 saw the first public Christian gathering in East Goulburn in over 40 years, with the launch of Rocky Hill Church – so named after a natural landmark of East Goulburn – under the leadership of Reverends Brian and Ali Champness.

Over 75 people of all ages attended the service, which was held in the hall at the East Goulburn Public School. Ali began a time of praise by welcoming those present and explaining how the service grew out of the ministry of the F5 5pm congregation, originally established in 2012 under the leadership of Bishop Stuart Robinson and his wife Jane. When the F5 congregation outgrew its venue in the hall at Christ Church, West Goulburn,

the initial decision was to start a 7pm service on the same site. However, soon both congregations had grown to where there was both the need and opportunity to launch an outreach in a predominantly unreached area.

“Our heart is to reach the people of East Goulburn and beyond with the love of God and the good news of His Son Jesus Christ,” Ali declared.

The Honourable Pru Goward MP delivered a very encouraging welcome and spoke highly of the importance that churches play in local communities.

After Bible readings from Romans 1:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 13, Brian gave the fledgling church its marching orders in his sermon. “Why at a time of

declining church attendance would you ever think of starting a church? It is because we believe the good news of Jesus is still as powerful and as meaningful as it has ever been. I believe this is why God is calling us to start Rocky Hill Church – to be a place of faith and hope and love for this community.”

Brian and Ali have been joined in this new venture by a keen launch team, including Reverend Ross and Pastor Julie Gear as Associate Ministers. They are blessed with a good number of Young Adults attending and serving the church, and currently have three midweek ‘Connect Groups’ that meet each week, one in Eastgrove, West Goulburn and one for Young Adults. Each of these already have about 10 people in each. The church has been very encouraged by the welcome of the Goulburn East Public School

and their willingness to host. Brian and Ali’s stipend is made possible by the generous support of people from the F5 congregation, Rocky Hill Church and Bush Church Aid who support Brian and Ali as Field Staff.

The launch service ended with a celebratory sausage sizzle.

Team members of Rocky Hill have asked for prayer for protection and unity and for God to provide a more permanent venue in his timing so that they can reach out to children, youth and families with mid-week activities and programs. The team have also asked for prayer for

the Easter Holiday Club they will be running in the East Goulburn School hall for primary aged children from 11-13th April.

Thanks to Mark Short from Bush Church Aid for use of his notes.



Camping by the river with Bush Church Aid



On a beautiful autumn weekend in March 44 people gathered by the river in Tumut for our fourth annual Diocesan BCA (Bush Church Aid) camping weekend. Some lived it up in tents, many rested in caravans and others enjoyed the luxury of cabins. Participants came from Wollongong, Katoomba, Goulburn, Wagga, Cootamundra, Coolamon, Marrar, Young and Temora.

The weekend is a wonderful opportunity to hear and rejoice in the work that God is doing in His church around Australia through the ministries enabled by BCA. Reverend David Morgan, the rector of Paraburdoo/Tom Price in Western Australia, shared honestly the highs and lows of ministry in a remote mining town. With many stories from his own experience he encouraged the gathering in the

work of evangelism. He encouraged us to be prayerful in what we do, plausible in our lifestyle and seek ways to proclaim the love of Jesus.

The Reverend Peter Adkins, BCA Regional Officer (ACT/NSW), followed this up with some direction on how a loving christian community engages in evangelism. He shared many stories from around Australia that

showed God at work. We were very encouraged and challenged.

We meet again next year from Friday 2nd to Sun 4th March 2018 at the Riverglade Tourist Park in Tumut. Put the date in your calendar and book your site or cabin now as many have already done! For more information contact John Jenner (Temora) 0428680930.

by The Reverend John Jenner



New Principal for The Riverina Anglican College



Paul Humble has come to The Riverina Anglican College out of Blue Mountains Grammar School, where he held the position of Deputy Head: Head of Senior School. Under Paul's leadership and guidance Blue Mountains Grammar School enjoyed strong growth in enrolments, improved academic results and became a centre for excellence in the field of student wellbeing. Prior to this appointment Paul served for four years as Deputy Principal: Director of Students and Family Services as well as Head of Welfare, Head of History and Housemaster at St Paul's

Grammar School, Penrith (an International Baccalaureate World School); he was a Senior IBO Moderator at sessions in Singapore and Bangkok; Year Advisor at Woodcroft College in Adelaide (an International Baccalaureate World School) and Head of History, Head of Administration and Year Advisor in the DET. Paul recently completed a two-year term as the Chair of the HICES NSW Pastoral Care Network.

Since completing his secondary education in Brisbane, Paul has pursued a strong interest in tertiary education and professional development. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and History), Graduate Diploma of Education, Masters of Arts (History and Religion), and is currently completing a Master of Education (Leadership).

Paul cares deeply about the individual and providing all students and staff with the opportunities and skills to reach their full potential in all endeavours. He

strives to build caring communities of collaboration, collegiality and respect. Paul has researched, reviewed, evaluated and implemented new practices in teaching and learning, leadership and student and staff wellbeing in three schools. He has utilised a range of data collection methodologies to complete these tasks and worked collaboratively with all facets of the communities to enhance programs for student and community learning.

It is Paul's firm belief that at the heart of any high quality and effective Principal of an Anglican School must be the lived and visible concept of servant leadership. As such, he understands that every person within the school and in the wider community has value and deserves civility, trust and respect – to paraphrase Romans 12:4 – one body, with many parts and different functions. Paul strives to create an environment where people can accomplish much when inspired by a

purpose beyond their immediate needs and continuously clarifies and reinforces the need for service to others. As a leader with a servant heart, Paul is determined to motivate and inspire the entire College community through his words and actions and encourage all to set aside self-serving behaviours in favour of serving others. As a leader, Paul has a reputation for consistently soliciting the participation of all stakeholders, valuing their ideas and critically utilising feedback. Paul is a passionate mentor, helping all staff to learn vital skills that will both improve their performance and improve them as professionals. He is persistent and invests whatever time it takes to coach and inspire servant leadership practices in the members of his team.

Paul is honoured to be given the opportunity to serve The Riverina Anglican College community assuming the role from inaugural Principal, Dr Ian Grant, in January 2017.

What's On



Diocesan Synod 2017

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 6-8 October 2017 in Goulburn. This is owing to General Synod being held in early September 2017.



Spirit 17 Conference is being run by Batemans Bay Anglican Church at St Peter's Anglican Church, Broulee, from 21-23 April.

It will be a time of teaching worship, prayer, and spiritual insight.

The speaker is Reverend David McDougall from Oxford Diocese.

Registrations close 13 April. For more details visit: <http://www.anglicanchurchbbay.org.au/conferences>.

BOARD POSITIONS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED

Expressions of interest are sought from people around the Diocese who are interested in serving on a Diocesan Board or Committee.

If you have skills, expertise or interest in any of the following areas then we would like to hear from you:

Education/Schools; Property Development/Management; Finance/Banking/Business; Trust Management; Risk Management; Environment; Social Justice and Welfare.

If you are interested in serving the Diocese in this way please forward

your name, parish/location, contact details (email/phone) and an outline of your relevant skills/expertise/interest to the Registrar's Executive Assistant: emma.body@anglicands.org.au

Your details will be entered on a Register and will remain confidential. As positions become available your contact information may be provided to the Chair/Secretary of the Board/Committee who may then contact you to discuss possible nomination.



From 5-8th June 2017, Anglican Women Australia will hold their bi-annual State Conference, hosted by Anglican Women, Diocese of Newcastle.

The location is Club Macquarie, Argenton, near Newcastle NSW. The theme of the conference is 'Thanksgiving for the ministry of women'.

All Anglican women are welcome.

For further information see anglicanwomennewcastle.org.au or contact Coordinator, Marion Willey, marion.willey@inet.net.au.