

The Mathew Hale Public Library

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- Please send me information about making a bequest to the Library.
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The Secretary, The Simeon Association Inc
PO Box 13675, George Street Post Shop Qld 4003.
ABN: 13 231 091 490

The Simeon Association

The Simeon Association was formed in 1998 by a group of people who are committed to promoting evangelical Anglican ministry in the Brisbane Diocese and beyond.

The Association is named in honour of a great Christian preacher, pastor and priest, Charles Simeon, who was vicar of Holy Trinity Cambridge from 1792 to 1836.

Present activities of the Association include funding enthusiastic preachers to attend preaching conferences/courses, evangelistic missions in Brisbane Anglican Parishes, book allowances for candidates for the Anglican ministry, travel for Brisbane clergy to other dioceses or clergy from other dioceses to Brisbane to share ministry experiences.

A statement of the Association's objectives and membership application forms can be obtained from:

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An initiative of
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Mathew Hale

Mathew Hale (1811-1895) was second bishop of Brisbane.

Influenced by the evangelical movement at Cambridge University in the 1830s, Hale developed a keen interest in the church overseas. Going to Adelaide in 1847 he established one of the first “successful” Christian missions to Aboriginal people at Poindie near Port Lincoln. Consecrated first bishop of Perth in 1857 he had a difficult time struggling to administer an isolated and under-resourced diocese.

At the age of 64 he reluctantly accepted the unanimous call of the Australian bishops to the diocese of Brisbane, which was also in financial difficulties with struggling remote parishes and independent city churches that would not help them.

Nevertheless, Mathew Hale’s personal discipleship and commitment were recognised by those who knew him. He was a man of prayer with a fervent evangelical zeal for people’s spiritual welfare, a faithful pastor to his clergy, and was committed to missionary outreach to Aboriginal people. Generous with his own resources and able to relate to a wide range of people, he was known as “the good bishop”.

The Simeon Association intends that the Mathew Hale Public Library will honour this largely forgotten Christian leader and hopes that Anglicans today will be encouraged by his personal example in difficult circumstances.

Objectives

1. To provide resources for Christian ministry to people and parishes in Brisbane and beyond;
2. To provide facilities for research;
3. To hold lectures and discussions about historical, contemporary and future issues;
4. To publish from time to time reviews, comments, research reports, etc.

Categories of Books

The Library will have a varied general collection with special emphasis on the following categories:

Preaching and Bible commentaries; Bible reference books; Biblical counselling books;

Prayer and spirituality;

Theological and historical studies with emphasis on the reformation and evangelical revival, Anglicanism and its Protestant heritage, history of missions and evangelism, apologetics;

Mission for the 21st century including Gospel communication through evangelism, service and social justice; cross cultural mission particularly to Aborigines, Torres Strait Islanders and Muslims;

The Anglican Church – contemporary and strategic issues.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are a group of people who support the Library in its various activities. They will be involved in one or more of the following activities:

- staffing the Library;
- maintaining the Library collection;
- undertaking research;
- arranging lectures and discussions;
- attending various functions organised by the Friends of the Library.

If you want to become a Friend of the Library, please indicate below:

- I want to join the Friends of the Library;
- I want to help the work of the Library. (Please indicate which of the above activities.)

Location and Opening Hours

The Mathew Hale Public Library will be established initially in the Blue Room in the basement of St Andrew’s, South Brisbane. The opening date and opening hours will be advertised in Focus and other Christian newspapers. Provision of some services may include a modest fee.