



## Library Update

Hello and welcome to the June issue of the Mathew Hale Public Library newsletter, informing you as to what is happening in the library.

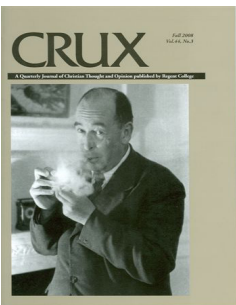
We have had three very interesting talks by Dr Bill Glasson AO, Archdeacon Richard Condie and Reverend Wei Han Kuan.

Dr Glasson spoke about his real concern for indigenous people (which would certainly resonate with Bishop Mathew Hale's pastoral concern for aboriginal people).

Archdeacon Richard Condie spoke about the need for leaders of congregations to have deep wells of emotional and spiritual resources to help them lead their congregations.

Reverend Wei Han spoke about the joy of writing Christian biography and encouraged people to do so for not only this generation but for future generations.

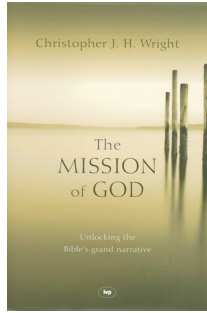
Our next major event is Reverend Adrian Lane who is conducting a preaching workshop on 16 June from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at a cost of \$30.00 including lunch. In this newsletter you will find further details about that event. Please do come along as Adrian is an exceptional speaker, mentor and friend of the Library.



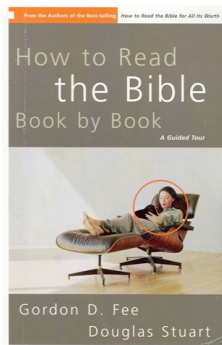
It is very encouraging to know that the Library is developing a number of good resources. For example, in the fall 2008 edition of *Crux*, a quarterly journal of Christian thought and opinion published by Regent College Vancouver, there is an excellent article regarding CS Lewis describing how he was a teaching evangelist and influenced many people.

His works such as "Mere Christianity" still continue to have a substantial effect on people such as Charles Colson who has developed a worldwide ministry in prisons.

Have you ever wondered what God is doing? Often people do, I suspect. One book the Library has recently acquired is a book entitled "The Mission of God" by Christopher J H Wright. While most Christians would agree the Bible provides a basis for mission, Dr Wright believes that there is actually a missional basis for the whole Bible and that it is generated by and is all about

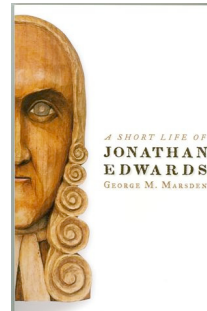


God's mission. There are two interesting reviews of this book which you can read, one on Amazon.com and a more formal one produced for the Review of Biblical Literature. The references are Amazon.com - <http://tinyurl.com/m8ohol> Book Reviews - [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5615\\_5931.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5615_5931.pdf)



Another very useful book from the authors of the bestselling "How to Read the Bible for all its worth" is the book "How to Read the Bible Book by Book" by Professors Gordon D Fee and Douglas Stuart. This is an excellent book for people who require an initial, brief and thoughtful guide to each book of the Bible.

You may recall in a previous newsletter there was a review of the magisterial biography by George M Marsden of Jonathan Edwards published by Yale University Press.



There is now another book entitled "A Short Life of Jonathan Edwards" by George M Marsden which is certainly worth a read. It is an excellent book that provides a very good overview of this significant Christian leader in America who was a contemporary of Benjamin Franklin.

Thank you for your interest in the Mathew Hale Public Library. I look forward to your continued support and to seeing you at the events this year. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to support the work of the Library, please use the form included on this newsletter.

With best wishes.

Dr Keith Weller

Honorary Warden

## Upcoming Events



### **June 16: Reverend A. Lane - Preaching workshop (including lunch)**

As a church, as preachers, are we connecting? Too often we hear the criticism from our people - not to mention the world! - that our sermons are simply not connecting. They are boring. This is a workshop designed to encourage preachers in their work and give them some

fresh perspectives, with a particular focus on engagement. Narrative, Orality, Relevance, and the Convictions of the Preacher will be our four focus themes. Each will be considered from the perspective of engagement, as we pray and work for greater fruitfulness in our various ministries. See you there.

Adrian Lane currently teaches Preaching and Pastoral Care at Ridley Melbourne. He trained at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts and Princeton Seminary after first working as a Social Worker with the Royal Australian Navy. Adrian has a great heart for communicating the good news of Christ in an engaging, winning and relevant manner. Two articles he wrote on Narrative and Orality have been published in the Brisbane collection Please! No More Boring Sermons: these serve as the foundation for this preaching workshop. A collection of his poems has also been published recently by Gininderra Press: Southpaw. When he is not working you will usually find him near water, cycling, at an art gallery, or engrossed in a mystery.

9:30am - 4:00pm, \$30 per person including lunch at the Mathew Hale Public Library.

If you wish to attend please email [info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com) for a invitation.

RSVP by 9 June 2009.

### **June 16: The Mathew Hale Public Library Annual Dinner**

This dinner is to be held in the Stevens Bonnin Room of Emmanuel College, Sir William MacGregor Drive, St Lucia at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start.

The after dinner speaker is Rev Adrian Lane who will read from his recently published collection of poems. He will

also speak about his work at Ridley Melbourne and the work of the Library in Queensland.

Cost is \$35 per head.

If you wish to attend please email [info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com) for a invitation.

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### **August 4: "Challenges in Life and Ministry" by Reverend Paul Hunt**

7:30pm. Entry fee is a plastic note.

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