



Library Update

A big thankyou to all those who have so graciously and generously welcomed me to Brisbane. It is a real delight and privilege to be serving here, and I have so enjoyed getting to know the river city and its hinterland.

We have begun the weekly Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study meeting at the Library, from 5.30-6.15pm. We have specifically been praying for the Anglican Church in Brisbane and Queensland. In particular, we have been praying that God would raise up a new generation of ministers. There are a number of vacancies in key parishes, and the difficulty filling these is very sobering. We'd love you to join us on Tuesdays. If you would like a copy of the Prayer Notes, please let the Library's Secretary, Mr Alex Crawford, know on 07 3236 4399 or info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com or PO Box 13675 George St Post Shop, Brisbane 4003.

I have really enjoyed preaching and teaching at various churches around the Diocese. God is plainly at work, though it is obvious there is a dearth of younger members in most churches. This is a major prayer point. Thank God for the young adult groups that do exist, their leaders, and the work of Stephen Harrison at the Diocesan level.

We have also been praying for the ministry of teachers, chaplains and Principals in the schools. There are many opportunities here: pray that God would encourage and equip those who have taken them up, and raise up many more workers.

I keep hearing good reports of those who've benefitted from *Please! No more Boring Sermons*. Keith Weller and Rena Pritchard at Acorn Press are currently completing the final editing of a sequel on preaching for special occasions and audiences. Michael Gourlay is also researching Mathew Hale's pioneering Aboriginal and church planting ministry in South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland, with a view to presenting something next year, the bicentenary of Hale's birth. Pray that this publication ministry would bear much fruit.

We have also been working on the accessibility and usefulness of the Library's collection. Some extra volunteers to help in administrative and reception tasks would be most welcome.

Recently at the Prayer Meeting we studied the parable

of the two men building houses in Luke 6. Both men built a house, and both houses looked the same. But only one survived the flood, because of its foundation. This man's house was, no doubt, much more costly and time-consuming to build. Pray that the work of the Library would build on the solid foundation of Christ and his word, putting that word into practice, so that, at the flood, we will not be destroyed.

Adrian Lane
Warden

The 2010 Australian Christian Literature Awards

The 2010 Australian Christian Literature awards announced on 10 August 2010 are as follows.



Winner

Losing my religion: Unbelief in Australia
Tom Frame

Second Prize

The trellis and the vine: The ministry mind-shift that changes everything
Colin Marshall & Tony Payne

Third Prize

Desolate beauty
Trudy Adams

Please see www.spcka.org.au for more details about these awards, the other short listed books and awards including the 2010 Young Australian Christian Writer Award and the 2010 Australian Christian Teen Writer Award.

These are great books and well worth considering for inclusion in your reading and school or church library.

Ridley Melbourne Centenary Dinner: Lessons for Brisbane

At the recent Ridley Centenary Brisbane Celebration Dinner, Ridley Melbourne Principal, Dr Peter Adam, gave an excellent address on the crucial and strategic ministry of theological colleges. He reminded us that the truth sets us free and sanctifies us; and that God's word is truth (Jn17:17). He also reminded us of Paul's commands to appoint elders in every town "who will rightly explain the word of truth". Theological Colleges train and form men and women for this ministry, and the quality of ministry, and subsequently the church, depends

on the quality of the college.

Dr Adam also examined the strategic and fruitful role voluntary societies had played in God's mission. He noted the extraordinary and integral role the Church Missionary Society, Bush Church Aid, SPCKA, and Moore and Ridley Colleges had played in Anglican mission and ministry in Australia. He argued that healthy voluntary societies are keen to serve and make a positive contribution to the church. They are flexible, keen to co-operate, and have clear goals and strategy. Pray that the Mathew Hale Public Library may be one such voluntary society.

Upcoming Events

Come and hear Bishop Glen Davies in Brisbane on his national lecture tour.

"The Bible. What does it mean in 2010?"

Are the ethics of the Old Testament still relevant today? How could the Bible have been written by both God and humans? How do we read the Bible intelligently today?

Dinner and Lecture

Tuesday 7 September, 7pm for 7.30pm (9:30pm finish)
At: Kedron-Wavell Services Club
375 Hamilton Road, Chermside
Cost: \$40. 2 course sit-down dinner. Drinks at own cost.
RSVP: info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com

Youth Ministry Conference with Jim French

Oct 5
Cost: \$30 (Lunch included)
Place: Mathew Hale Public Library (160 Vulture St, South Brisbane)
Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm
RSVP: Oct 1 to info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com

Jim French - Emerging Adulthood and the need for Cultural Engagement

Oct 5
Cost: Plastic note entry
Place: Mathew Hale Public Library (160 Vulture St, South Brisbane)
Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Reminder

Please join us for Prayer and Bible at The Library every Tuesday from 5:30-6:15pm led by Adrian.

If you would like to receive a copy of the prayer notes please let the Library's Secretary, Mr Alex Crawford, know on 07 3236 4399 or info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com or PO Box 13675 George St Post Shop, Brisbane 4003.

Adrian's Poem for Queensland

Sunshine Harvest for Queensland

O God who birthed this country
From Cape to Reef to Tweed
Give us a sunshine harvest
More glorious than our dreams.

O Lord of harvest plentiful
We see the crowds and cry
Send labourers into your harvest
So others will not die.

O Christ who reigns victorious
Rule us as we sow
Give us great faith for a harvest
In the face of a weed-planting foe.

O Spirit of truth and power
Convict and call we plead
So the earth will be filled with your glory
As the waters cover the sea.

O God of coal and cattle
Of city, surf and range
Give us a sunshine harvest
With hope for fear exchanged.

Adrian Lane
2 June 2010
Hab 2:14; Mt 9:35-38; 13:1-43; Jn 16:8-15; 2 Tim 1:7

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