



Library Update

It is a great joy to be back in Brisbane after a rich and busy semester teaching at Ridley. The Church Missionary Society has generously provided me with an office at Hope Central (126 Barry Pde, Fortitude Valley), and this has already led to significant synergies in our various ministries. Thank you to Dr Keith

Weller who returned to serve as Honorary Warden in my absence.

The big news in the interim has been the launch of *Better Be a Good Sermon*. It is a substantial book, and I have no doubt it will be most useful, both in Australia and overseas. The book focuses on preaching at Special Occasions, such as Easter, Christmas, weddings, funerals and ANZAC Day services. It also addresses preaching to various groups, such as children, youth, schools and multi-cultural audiences. Articles and representative sermons are included. Currently we have an extraordinary range of opportunities for ministry in these settings, and often many seekers or outsiders are present. There are over 30 contributors from around the nation, with a wealth of experience. It is a book by Anglicans for Anglicans, yet it is equally pertinent in other church contexts, not only for preachers, as the sermons themselves make encouraging and helpful reading for all.

The book was launched by the Primate and Archbishop of Brisbane, Rt Rev Dr Philip Aspinall, at the Diocese of Brisbane Synod. He spoke engagingly of its contents and so commended it that over 92 copies were sold. A motion recognising the 200th birthday of Bishop Mathew Hale and commending the work of the Library was also passed. The book was splendidly launched in Melbourne by Rev Dr Peter Adam to a large crowd at Ridley, with over 60 sold. The Diocese of North Queensland has also purchased 3 boxes (42). Please pray that the book would have an influence "beyond our imagining".

Other recent significant events at the Library have included Dr Michael Gourlay's lecture celebrating Hale's birthday and Rev Don Campbell's lecture on Rev Jeff Roper's ministry, notably with CMS and at Booval. Both these lectures remind us of the wonderful and extensive gospel heritage of Queensland Anglicans. The Hon John Anderson spoke at the Annual Dinner in May to probably the largest gathering to date at a Library function. It was a great call to gospel commitment and godliness in an

increasingly secular society.

To be worthwhile, the Library's work has to be of God. We thus continue to make prayer a priority. I was greatly heartened that the Tuesday 5.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting continued in my absence, with input from Rev John Arnold. I keep seeing "coincidences" and answers to prayer, so I have every confidence that God is doing something special in Brisbane. If you are unable to join us, please let the Secretary know if you would like to receive the Prayer Notes. The Library's collection continues to grow. It is developing into a solid, comprehensive and contemporary collection, with particular strengths in Bible, preaching, church history and Anglican ministry. The specialist Province of Queensland collection testifies to God's work over many years, with many people, across the Province. Mrs Robin Lake has done a sterling work cataloguing, and we are exploring more ways of promoting the Library's use.

I already have a full program for the rest of the year, with numerous teaching and preaching engagements. A key aim of the Library's work is to encourage men and women into ministry and be part of equipping them for this: please pray that God would raise up many labourers for this growing State.

Thank you again for your support of the Library,
Rev Adrian Lane
Warden

A Tribute to the late Reverend Dr John Stott

We have posted on our website a tribute to the late Reverend Dr John Stott by the Warden.

Please go to www.mathewhalepubliclibrary.com/downloads to read it.

Library Opening Hours

Tuesdays, 3.00-5.30pm. Wednesday and Thursdays by appointment (call St Andrew's, South Brisbane 3844 3808)

Get them while they last!

For your preacher, and those you'd like to encourage into preaching, or to just read the sermons:

Better Be a Good Sermon available from the Secretary for \$29.95 each; *Please! No More Boring Sermons* for \$24.95 each (\$10 postage in Australia for 1,2,3 or 4 books, \$22 postage for box of 14). Please note the real value in purchasing more than one book. Email for overseas postage rates. Details on the website; phone, email or write to the addresses above. Books are also available for sale at the Library.

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*Note that the library is currently open for advertised events, by appointment and every Tuesday from 3.00pm to 5:30pm.

Library Collection Grows! New Bookshelf Ordered.

Our Library collection continues to grow. Last year the Library adopted a rigorous and intentional accessions policy. Through prudent and careful selection, and through the generosity of the Library's friends, the Library has outgrown the current storage space. At its August meeting, the committee decided to accept the quote from the Cedar Furniture Co at Banyo for the first of two more bookshelf and storage units. This will exactly match the current unit on the eastern wall. We are extremely grateful to St Andrew's South Brisbane for their hospitality in hosting the Library. We are also thankful that the same craftsman is available, together with the required materials, so that the unit fits with our existing handsome shelves. These have lasted well despite heavy use of the Blue Room. Currently the Library's overflow is stored in "the dungeon", which is damp. The glazed hoop pine shelving provides a relatively secure moderating environment for valuable books in Brisbane's sub-tropical climate, as well as enhancing their display. Our prayer is that special donations would be made for this project. Donations are tax-deductible. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Secretary, Mr Alex Crawford on (07)3236 4399 or the Treasurer, Mr Jim Seymour on (07)3288 3044.

Rev Dr Wilhelm Lorenz Rechnitz, The Torres Strait Islands, Ridley, the Cultural Centre, Southbank and the Mathew Hale Public Library

Currently the Brisbane Southbank cultural institutions are presenting a major group of exhibitions focussing on the Torres Strait, recognising also the 140th anniversary of "The Coming of the Light". The Queensland State Library's exhibition is based on 2 major collections, one of which is the Rechnitz collection. Rechnitz was a Dunera man, sent to Australia as an enemy alien (of German Jewish heritage) and interred at the Tatura, Victoria camp. He had become an Anglican in England previously. Subsequently he studied at Ridley College in Melbourne and taught in Brisbane, Sydney and the Torres Strait, where he was ordained. An able linguist, he translated a number of hymns and liturgies into and from local Torres Strait languages. All this is recorded in the exhibition's catalogue The Torres Strait Islands. The catalogue also includes a previously unpublished record of the arrival of the first London Missionary Society missionaries and eight local Melanesian

teachers and their wives and children on the islands, an historic occasion celebrated each year in "The Coming of the Light" ceremonies. Records of these teachers and some pictures related to church life on the islands are also in the book.

The Mathew Hale Public Library includes a specialist Province of Queensland collection. Last year the committee decided to establish and develop this collection for a number of reasons. It records the work of God in the Province, and in so doing, honours and records the ministry of those who have gone before, encourages present and future Queensland Anglicans, providing inspiration, modelling and stimulation, and serves as a research base for further work. The Torres Strait Islands has recently been added to the collection. Other recent additions include the biography of Archdeacon Glennie, and the histories of St Luke's Toowoomba (revised and updated edition) and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brookfield. Incidentally, the Torres Strait addition demonstrates the synergistic value of our Southbank location, and it is hoped in the longer term to build on this further.

Upcoming Events

"God is doing something..." Be part of God's work in Brisbane and Queensland. Join us for Bible Study and Prayer on Tuesdays at the Library, 5.30-6.15pm.

Going for Growth Conference, St Andrew's Lutwyche, Friday 30th September 7.00-9.30pm and Saturday, 1st October 9.30-5.00pm. Rev Dr Rhys Bezzant on 4 "Game-Changers" from Church History and the Warden on three parables-in-waiting, plus news and testimonies from around the Diocese.

MHPL Youth Ministry Lecture: Friday 28 October, 7:30pm, "Life Online: Helping Young People Navigate the Benefits and Dangers of Social Media" by Rev Graham Stanton (Youthworks).

MHPL Youth Ministries Seminar including an introduction to online learning through the Timothy Partnership. Saturday 29 October, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Preaching Training: Monthly, Thursday evenings – for more information please call the Warden.

Further events will be mentioned from time to time during the year.

**All events are at the Mathew Hale Public Library unless otherwise mentioned.*

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