



## Library Update

Paul commands Timothy to entrust what he has learnt from Paul to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2). Four generations of faithful Christian teachers are on view here, and we are the great beneficiaries of much faithful teaching down the generations. What are we

passing on?

The Library is committed to promoting and facilitating faithful Biblical teaching. One serious concern is the lack of younger men and women offering for ministry within our Anglican church. The needs and opportunities are wonderfully growing, but we are short of labourers. This obviously calls for earnest prayer, but also realistic reflection and heart-searching. Other denominations and organisations are growing, especially among university students.

A related concern is our lack of community representation amongst our churches. As far as I know, there are no Chinese Anglican congregations in Brisbane. This is unusual, as there are many Chinese and many Chinese Christians in the city, and numerous congregations in other cities. Do pray that God would raise up labourers for all communities within our large and varied state.

The secondment from Ridley has been richly replete with opportunities for ministry. Highlights have included preaching at numerous churches, speaking at the Going 4 Growth and Combined Sudanese Churches Conferences, and a preaching class held at the Library. I am so grateful to all those who have contributed to the secondment in some way. Some have given, others have prayed, some have assisted in administration, others have offered friendship and hospitality. I have been especially sustained by the Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study, and have greatly enjoyed working with the Management and Library Committees. The staff at St Andrew's, South Brisbane have gone many extra miles to support the Library's work in the midst of an extremely busy parish. A real bonus this secondment has been the provision of an office at the Church Missionary Society: their generosity, fellowship and prayerful enthusiasm for mission has been exemplary.

### New Bookshelves

Following the note in the September newsletter, it is a delight to advise that the Management Committee has arranged for the purchase and installation of two substan-

tial bookshelf and storage units in the Library. They perfectly match our current units and provide a very handsome addition to the Blue Room at South Brisbane. The collection has been re-shelved, and there are now no books in the damp dungeon area. We have conducted a special appeal for the bookshelves and so far \$5,000 has been raised towards their \$11,000 cost. These donations have been a great encouragement. Further donations are naturally sought, and if you would like to contribute to this tax-deductible project, please contact the Secretary, Mr Alex Crawford on (07) 3236 4399 or the Treasurer, Mr Jim Seymour, on (07) 3288 3044.

### Special Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration, Friday 16 December, 2011

A special service of thanksgiving and celebration for all that God has done through the Mathew Hale Public Library during the past year and, in particular, to give thanks for the gift of the new bookshelves will be held at the Library on Friday 16 December 2011 at 6.00 for 6.30pm. The celebration will give all a chance to see how God is developing this mustard seed ministry. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as an opportunity to purchase new books for the Library. All are most welcome to attend: it would be lovely to see you there.

### John Stott Memorial Service

On 21 August 2011 a Memorial Service for the life of Rev Dr John Stott was held at St Andrew's, South Brisbane, organised by the Queensland Branch of the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion. This significant and memorable event provided an encouraging and stimulating opportunity to review the literature, preaching and teaching, training and personal ministries of this outstanding Anglican evangelical leader. I was deeply grateful for the invitation to present a formal tribute, as well as pray for ongoing Stott-related ministries. An expanded version of this tribute can be found on the website [www.mathewhalepubliclibrary.com](http://www.mathewhalepubliclibrary.com). It was also published in the excellent John Stott Memorial Edition (Spring, 2011) of Essentials, copies of which are available free to friends of the Library by contacting the Secretary, Mr Alex Crawford.

### John Stott Display: Reviewing and Developing the Collection

In association with the Memorial Service, the Library mounted a display of Stott-related books. This occasioned a review of our Stott collection. Pleasingly, we have 27 different titles by, or on Stott, in addition to some multiples. The display led to a number of gifts, including signed copies of Basic Christianity and The Radical Disciple, for which we thank Dr Michael Whitehouse. Our goal is to have a complete collection of Stott's works. The Library's website lists our current holdings, but I note that we do not have copies of Christian Mission in the Modern World, Christ the Controversialist,

Baptism and Fullness, The Incomparable Christ, Christ the Liberator (John), and The Living Church. If readers have copies in good condition of these books or others not listed in the catalogue, we would be delighted to add them to the collection. Donations can be mailed to the Secretary or delivered to the Library on Tuesday afternoons.

### Leon Morris and C.S.Lewis Collections

The Stott review prompted reviews of our Leon Morris and C.S.Lewis collections, where again, we would like to have complete holdings. The recent cataloguing work by Mrs Robin Lake has been invaluable in this regard. While we have a good collection of 14 Morris works, unfortunately we only have one Lewis work, The Great Divorce. A major problem with the Lewis publications is that many editions have been on poor quality acid paper and have not lasted well. If readers would like to donate good quality unmarked editions of Morris' or Lewis' works that are not in the catalogue, it would be much appreciated.

### Anglican Province of Queensland Collection

I have greatly enjoyed recent reading from the Library's Anglican Province of Queensland Collection. This collection is a record of God's work in the Province, which includes the Northern Territory and formerly included Papua New Guinea. Histories of parishes, dioceses, schools and organisations; year books; biographies; audio-visual recordings; lectures and theological writing by Queensland Anglicans, serving both within and outside the Province are included. Much of this material is produced for an anniversary celebration, then languishes forgotten in offices and garages! The purchase of a very significant collection of Province-related works was recently organised by Rev Dr Charles Sherlock from the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo Keith Cole Memorial Library. Substantial donations have also been received from the Bush Church Aid Society (Queensland), the Church Missionary Society (both the Queensland and Victorian Branches), Mrs Jan Gate (material on New Guinea), Rev Robert Perry (histories of the parishes of Gayndah and Hervey Bay), Rev Jennifer Hall (W.A. CMS), Mr Alex Crawford (Townsville), and the parishes of Ipswich, Toowoomba and Bundaberg. Material has also been purchased from new and second-hand bookshops, and the Brisbane Diocesan Archives and Registrar. The value of the collection is particularly apparent in its relatedness, and in the difficulty of accessing so many of these locally published works. All books referencing Bishop Mathew Hale are also collected. This means we are developing good resources in the early history of the Anglican Church in South Australia and Western Australia, in addition to material on Aboriginal ministry. If readers have books in good condition that might be useful additions to the collection, please

contact the Warden on 0488-441900.

### Library Events 2012

We have been planning a range of interesting and helpful events for 2012. Rev Dr Peter Adam will be visiting in October, preaching and leading some preachers' workshops. In honour of the Anglican Grammar School's (Churchie) centenary, Mr Alex Crawford will be presenting a lecture on the faith of the school's founding headmaster, Canon Morris. Rev John Arnold has agreed to give a lecture on Mathew Hale and Aborigines, and we are planning to have a presentation from Sudanese leaders on the formation and history of the various Sudanese churches in Queensland. There will also be our Annual Youth Ministry Lecture and Annual Dinner, and we are hoping to present a workshop for school chaplains. We will also be promoting the third Going 4 Growth Conference where the Rev Dr Rhys Bezzant will conclude his series on lessons to be learned from great figures in church history. Further details will be announced on the website and in the next newsletter.

### Prayer

Our last Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 13 December 2011 at 5.30pm in the Library. Although I will have returned to Ridley, the group is keen to continue to meet for prayer in 2012, and meetings will resume on Tuesday 7 February 2012. We have been greatly heartened by those who have been praying via the bi-monthly mailed Prayer Notes. Please let the Secretary know if you would like to receive these.

### Mathew Hale Bicentennial

The bicentenary of Mathew Hale's birth was on the 18 June 2011. At the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane's Synod that day, the Archbishop of Brisbane launched the Library's publication on preaching for Special Occasions and Contexts Better Be a Good Sermon, and the following motion was passed in recognition of Hale and the work of the Library:

### This Synod

- a) Gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and ministry of Bishop Mathew Hale, the second Bishop of Brisbane, on this day 18 June 2011, the two hundredth anniversary of his birth; and
- b) Notes in particular that his ministry in three Australian colonies was outwardly focussed to provide spiritual and material support for those in need - as Archdeacon of Adelaide he established a successful Aboriginal mission near Port Lincoln; as first Bishop of Perth he pioneered secondary education for boys and girls and advocated reformation of convicts; as second Bishop of Brisbane he established a General Church Fund to support clergy ministering to people in country communities;
- c) Records his firm commitment to the scriptural and reformed

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Anglican Church, his willingness to work with people of other viewpoints within the Anglican Church, as well as with other Christian churches and groups, his example as a man of prayer, a leader by example, committed to his family, friends and fellow workers, liberal in the use of his time and resources - a genuine and truly good man;

d) Commends to the parishes of the Diocese the ministry of the Mathew Hale Public Library in providing resources for the study of the scriptures and the history of the Anglican Church and in encouraging ministry by the church and individuals through organising lectures, seminars, etc of guest speakers;

e) Welcomes the launching of the book "Better be a good sermon preaching for special occasions and in special contexts" published by the Simeon Association and commends this book to the wider Diocesan community as a valuable tool in growing our ministry of preaching to Word of God, so that people may follow Christ as faithfully as Bishop Mathew Hale followed him.

Thank you again for your support of the Library, and praying that all our supporters would have a meaningful Christmas and a New Year of growing in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev Adrian Lane  
Warden

## Upcoming Events

**"The Faith of Canon W P F Morris and the Implications for His Ministry"** by Mr. Alex Crawford. Tuesday the 20th of March 2012 at the Library, 7.30pm.

**Date Claimer - Canon Dr Peter Adam Preaching Workshop.** 9:30am - 3pm on Monday the 22nd of October 2012 at the Library.

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