



## Update & Welcome

Welcome to the third newsletter for the Mathew Hale Public Library. Mr Simon Fisher spoke very well on 5 September 2006 on law and theology. His address can be downloaded from the webpage. Dr Gill gave a very interesting and entertaining address on 31 October 2006 on the relevance of the reformation. He is a church history scholar and it was a very insightful address which again can be downloaded from the website.

For 2007 we have a number of very interesting and challenging addresses to be given at the library. You will note some of the speakers and topics on the next page. Please come along to as many as you can and invite your friends. People who have attended the lectures this year have found them very informative.

The cataloguing of the collection still continues. We have recently purchased a number of new books in relation to the New and Old Testament for people to access in

2007. From 2007, Ridley College, Melbourne will be offering online courses on the Old and New Testaments to people anywhere around Australia and the world. Go to [www.ridley.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.ridley.unimelb.edu.au) for information about this online education. As stated, the library has a number of textbooks for these courses in its collection, which can be perused at the library. Details about accessing these books will be given in the next Newsletter.

We are continuing to build the capital of our library. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the library please use the form on the newsletter. If you would like to provide us with any feedback about the library and/or its activities we would be glad to receive the same as such feedback is essential to the success of our library.

With best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas season.

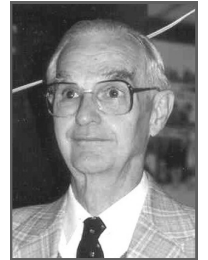
Kind regards

Dr Keith Weller

Keith is the Honorary Warden of the Mathew Hale Public Library.

## Canon Dr Leon Morris

Doctor Leon Morris died on 25 July 2006. In 1931 at the age of 17 years he started to study



science at the University of Sydney and made a personal commitment to Christ and offered himself for ordained ministry. He was deaconed in 1938 and priested in 1939. After two years of curacy, he spent five years working for the Bush Church Aid Society as priest in charge of Minnipa (SA). As an external student for the University of London's Bachelor of Divinity examinations he gained first class honours in 1943.

He took up the appointment as Vice Principal of Ridley College Melbourne in August 1945 where he stayed until 1960. During those years he obtained his Masters of Theology from the University of London and his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Cambridge.

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*\*Note that the library is currently open only for advertised events.*

In 1960 he moved to become Warden of Tyndale House, Cambridge, which enabled him to pursue his research and his writing. He returned to Ridley College in 1964 where he remained Principal until 1979.

He wrote many books. The Reverend Doctor David Williams said in a recent article in "The Melbourne Anglican" "Of all that he ever wrote, the book by which he first made his name, The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross (1955), based on his doctoral dissertation, remains as perhaps his greatest legacy to posterity. J.L. Packer, reviewing it in the Evangelical Quarterly, greeted it as "a book of the first importance" to which, he was sure, "Denney would have given...an alpha, perhaps an alpha plus... It is a delight", he says, "to follow Dr. Morris as time and time again he shifts the emphasis back to that which the New Testament is concerned to emphasise above all – that Christ saves God's people from wrath and ruin by dying for their sins in their place." This centrality of Christ and his saving work informed all of Morris' writing and, no less, his preaching and we can only rejoice that he is now with the Lord whom he loved and served so well."

Royalties from his books flow to the Leon & Mildred Morris Foundation Limited. Mr Brian Bayston who gave an oration at Leon's funeral said of the Foundation "It is a charitable body with purposes that closely identify their life work. It was Mildred's selflessness that enabled Leon, long into retirement, to work at his desk by day and by night. It made life lonely for her, but she was happy that he was about the Lord's business. An Australian author of fiction with a large print run will be noticed in the secular press. Leon's books number over 50; the print runs are huge, an amazing thing for books of academic and theological content. With the royalties that have flowed in, Leon and Mildred invested astutely. Their Foundation has an endowment of five or six million dollars."

## 2007 Events

Stay tuned to the MHPL Website for information on 2007 Events.

The events will include:

- A launch of a book on preaching for Australia
- Mr Peter Carolane (founder of Mustard Ministries) on "School based modules of ministry"
- Prof. P. McDermott on Law and Christianity.

## Interested in Studying Theology in 2007?

### Consider studying online through Ridley College

Applications for eRidley are required by Friday 12 January 2007. To receive an application or to ask further questions about eRidley,

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