



Welcome to the March Quarterly Newsletter for the Library! This newsletter contains details of upcoming events and also mentions previous activities.

It is with great thanks to God that we acknowledge the wonderful contributions that both Dr Keith Weller and his wife Pat Weller have made to the library. Keith has retired as the Honorary Warden of the library and Director of the Board. Keith has been a member of the committee of management since the start of the library and also has served recently as a Director of the Board of the Simeon Association Limited. Keith has always been a thoughtful, calm and wise member of the

Committee of Management and the Board.

Keith edited the book *Please No More Boring Sermons*, which was published in 2007. He edited, along with Revd Adrian Lane, the book *Better be a Good Sermon* in 2011. In 2015, Keith wrote the Foreword to the book *Standing on their Shoulders: Heroes of the Faith for today* by Revd Dr Rhys Bezzant. Keith has also been the Honorary Warden of the Mathew Hale Public Library since its commencement in 2004 (except for the periods in 2010 and 2011 when Revd Adrian Lane was the full-time warden). Pat has been a wonderful support to Keith and also a great supporter of the library and its ministry. Keith and Pat have also worked quietly in their parish at Kenmore for many years providing hospitality, fellowship and encouragement to many people. We will miss Keith and Pat greatly, but look forward to catching up with them in the future.

With Keith's retirement, it is my great pleasure to commence as the Honorary Warden of the library and as a member of the Board of the Simeon Association Limited, which is the corporate trustee for the Mathew Hale Public Library Foundation. I have been a supporter of the library for many years and look forward to working with the Board. I work in Information Technology. I am married with a young daughter and have been associated with various Anglican parishes throughout Queensland all my life. I strongly support the purposes of the library and what it seeks to achieve.

Revd Hugh Begbie led a wonderful Thanksgiving Service at the end of 2016 celebrating and reflecting on the life and work of the library over the previous year.

In the near future we will be publishing Revd Dr Rhys Bezzant's lecture called *Church Growth Through Mentoring*. If you would like to obtain a copy of this insightful lecture, it will be available for \$10. You will be able to download an Order Form from the website. I encourage you to attend the events of the library in 2017. Please review and note the list of events outlined in Upcoming Events later in the newsletter.

Our Youth Ministry Advisor, Revd Graham Stanton is continuing his work of mentoring young leaders, and also with his Doctoral Studies at the University of Queensland. Included in the newsletter is an article by Graham.

Keep in touch and connect your friends

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving information from the Mathew Hale Public Library? If so, please suggest to them that they sign up to our mailing list on our website (www.mathewhalepubliclibrary.org.au).

mathewhalepubliclibrary.com) Thank you again for your support of the Library. If you would like to make a donation to the library please use the form at the end of the newsletter.

With Best Regards,
Geoff Dutton
Honorary Warden

Upcoming Events

Bible Study

The Prayer and Bible Study group continue to meet at 5.30pm each Tuesday at the Library. We have a short Bible study and then we pray for people and churches. You are more than welcome to attend.

Ministering to University Women by Elle Bryce

Guest Speaker Elle Bryce, AFES Apprentice Staff Worker, will talk about her ministry with Women at the Griffith University and the Conservatorium of Music

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 21st 2017 at 7.30PM

Location: Blue Room, St Andrew's Anglican Church, 160 Vulture St, South Brisbane

Enquiries: Alex Crawford - info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com or 0411 271 787

Cost: An opportunity will be given to support Elle in her Ministry.

2017 Annual Dinner

Date & Time: Friday, May 5th 2017 6.30PM for 7PM

Location: The Community Centre, Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside.

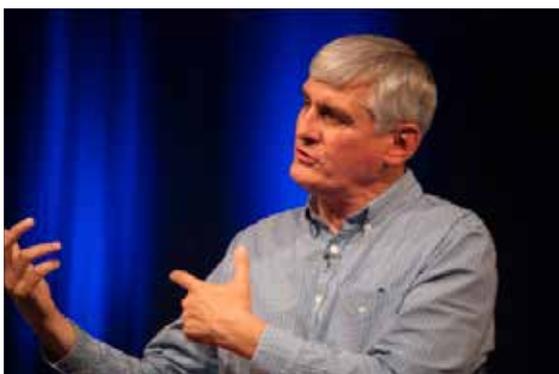
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Cost: \$55

Guest Speaker Mike Raiter, Director Centre for Biblical Preaching.

Mike is the Director of the Centre for Biblical Preaching in Melbourne, which trains people across Australia and the world in Biblical preaching. He spent 11 years in Pakistan. He then served as Head of the Department of Mission at Moore College before becoming Principal of Melbourne School of Theology. He's married to Sarah and they have 4 grown children. He is the author of over 30 books and articles including the 2004 Australian Christian Book of the Year, Stirrings of the Soul.

To keep fit Mike likes to wrap his mind around cryptic crosswords, sudokus, and Scandinavian crime novels.



A Preaching Workshop with Mike Raiter

Date & Time: Saturday, May 6th 2017 9AM to 1PM

Location: Blue Room, St Andrew's Anglican Church,
160 Vulture St, South Brisbane

Enquiries: Alex Crawford - info@
mathewhalepubliclibrary.com or 0411 271 787

Cost: \$20 (including lunch)

Guest Speaker Mike Raiter, Director Centre for
Biblical Preaching.

Program:

- Session 1 What is Preaching & Growing as a Preacher
- Session 2 Preparing a Sermon: Helpful Hints on Constructing a Faithful & Engaging Sermon
- Session 3 Illustrations: The Purpose of Illustrations and How to Find Them
- Session 4: Delivering a Sermon: Practical Advice on Presenting a Sermon



An Event with Julie Moser

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 7 2017, 9AM to 3PM

Location: St Francis Theological College, Milton

Enquiries: Alex Crawford - info@mathewhalepubliclibrary.com or 0411 271 787

Cost: \$20 (including lunch)

Guest Speaker: Julie Moser, the Diocesan Youth and Children's Missioner with the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle in Saskatchewan Canada

Julie Moser has been involved in youth ministry for 30 years as a youth minister and youth trainer in Australia and Canada. She is the author of *Studies 2 Go* and *More Studies 2 Go* and other youth Bible studies.

Ordinary People doing Extraordinary Things

By Rev'd Graham Stanton

Coming up in June, MHPL is holding a training seminar to equip church members with some simple skills for discipling young people. I'm hoping that the next 700 words will inspire you to join us and to bring some others from your church with you.

It can be a daunting task to think about how to grow the youth ministry at our churches. This is especially so if there are not many young people regularly involved in the church, or if there are none. The thought of growing a vibrant youth group might seem to you like a distant dream. Alternatively you might be at a church that already has a flourishing youth ministry, complete with a team of energetic young adults taking care of it all. The thought of getting involved in the youth ministry might not have ever occurred to you.



Whether either of those descriptions match your thoughts about youth ministry (or if you're somewhere in between), the important thing to realise is that youth ministry means a lot more than a youth group. Youth ministry isn't just about making sure your church has a high-energy program that attracts large numbers of teenagers to come and hang out on the church property once a week. The most important thing is for the church to serve young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter if you've got one teenager loosely attached to your church, or 500 teenagers

regularly joining in Sunday worship, the whole church has a responsibility to help young people feel that they are a valued part of the church community. Young people need a community of committed adults who will love them, and share Jesus with them.

Youth ministry can be daunting, but it's not rocket science! Strip back all of the structures and programs of any youth ministry and what you should find at the heart of it all is adults who love Jesus, who love young people, and who are prepared to work hard at helping young people get to know Jesus for themselves. The basic activity of youth ministry therefore is having a conversation about Jesus with a young person. If there's one young person known to your church, then someone could disciple them. If there are lots of young people in the youth group each of them could be discipled by an older believer, whether one-to-one or in small groups.

So, I hear you saying, "I love Jesus and I love young people, and I think that God might be calling me to this ministry, but I just don't feel equipped to do it. Where can I get some simple training to enable someone like me to be involved in this extraordinary privilege?"

I'm glad you asked! The Young Anglicans Project Engage seminar is about training in a simple approach to reading the Bible with teenagers. Julie Moser, is the Youth Missioner for the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Apelle in Canada. She will be in Australia in June and we have invited her to come to Brisbane to lead this training. Julie is an Australian who has spent over thirty years in youth ministry and youth leadership training, both in Australia and now in Canada. She has a deep love for Jesus and a passion for seeing anyone in the church equipped to share Jesus with young people. Julie is a skilled trainer and a faithful teacher of the Bible.

Discipling a young person by having regular conversations with them about Jesus is the kind of youth ministry that anyone can do. If you're a grandparent you could disciple your grandchild. If there are three teenagers who come irregularly to church, you could arrange to meet them at a local café one afternoon during the week to read the Bible together. There's no age restriction on who can do this. The only qualifications are that you love Jesus, that you love young people, and that the combination of those two loves means that you're prepared to learn the skills to help a young person get to know Jesus.

The Engage seminar has been conducted in churches across Canada and the United States of America and has been very positively received. One church leader said, "I highly recommend ENGAGE training for anyone who takes seriously the need to reach our young people. It is a program that is to be commended for its simplicity and adaptability, so there is no sense of being artificial or contrived. Rather, the training flows naturally from biblical principles and the way human beings interact". Someone who attended the training in the USA said, "All of it was good. My confidence has increased double". And a teenager who has been meeting with someone who went to Engage training said, "[I have enjoyed] getting to know God more and more each time I go to meet with my leader".

The final encouragement to join us at Engage comes from Rev Matt Marino, the Associate Rector of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, Houston Texas and formerly the Canon for Youth & Young Adults, Diocese of Arizona: "Engage training is terrific. It trains ordinary people do the extraordinary work of passing on the faith to the next generation."

I hope you can join us on 7 June.



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*Note that the library is currently open for advertised events, by appointment and every Tuesday from 3.00pm to 6pm.