



Seek you first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you to everyone who has continued to read and also contribute to **CQFirst**. This month our focus is on **The Bible**. *Can we trust it?* In our modern era of presidential tweets that have led directly to the creation of 'fact-checking' algorithms, the battle for truth in our world is alive and kicking.

In the beginning God said... In the beginning was the Word... The God whom we worship is a God who speaks and communicates. *This is my Son, listen to him!*

This month, Luke Collings writes about what the clergy focused on after Synod, 'improving their preaching', amongst other things. Rob Stanley reflects upon the nature of truth. Jen Hercott discusses the historicity of the Bible, Philip van't Spyker encourages us to read the Bible with our kids and Matt Taylor does the same at University.

Thanks to Phil Ward and Val Gribble for writing about the Rev Jacki Lake and Archbishop Allan Migi respectively, who both recently finished 'running the race'.

I can taste Kareen's Dad's Curry from here! The motions passed (not curry related) from our recent Synod are reprinted here, along with a COVID-19 Update. I heartily thank the Rev Jen Hercott for working with me responding to COVID-19 all year in order to help keep us all safe.

Finally, I draw your attention to the CQFirst Photo Competition, with prizemoney and flag that information about our Annual Diocesan Christmas Appeal is coming to Parishes this week and will raise money for Newton Theological College and Christ the King School, in PNG.

The Ven Tom Henderson-Brooks

VALE REVEREND JACQUELINE LAKE

I have been blessed to have known and now asked to write about the Reverend Jacqueline (Jacki) Lake who died in Brisbane on Wednesday 21st October 2020.

Jacki was among the first women to be Ordained to the priesthood in Australia. Along with the Reverends Janne Whitehead, Barbara Blackford, John and Lucy Quaife, Bill Ray and Bill Watson she was priested by Bishop George Hearn at St Paul's Cathedral on 12th December 1992.



Ordination Day. (L to R)
Reverends Janne Whitehead, Barbara Blackford, Jacki Lake and Lucy Quaife.

Jacki ministered in the Keppel Parish as a Curate (Assistant Minister) between 1992 and 1994 while Rev Rick Bowie was Rector of Keppel. Her ministry was with youth and Sunday School children and she ran a second service at Christ Church Emu Park on Sundays for young people to attend.

Jacki's home was always a place of welcome with bible studies and dinners to encourage new and not so new Christians. While in Keppel Jacki was involved in EFM and the Catechumenate. In 1994 Jacki and Max, her husband, went to Middlemount/Dysart parish with Jacki as Priest in Charge. She stayed there till 1996 then took up the roles in Lennox Heads, Ballina and Caloundra before retiring in 2002.

I remember Jacki as having a strong personality and she was a loyal friend who helped bring Christ into many lives and many people would remember her in our Diocese.

May Jacki rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rev Canon Phil Ward

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THE CLARITY OF SCRIPTURE

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2020

Following synod, the clergy of the diocese spent a few days at Emu Park for our annual conference. Despite the beautiful views, warm water, and the steady stream of good coffee (thanks Tom!), this was not a time to put our feet up and relax. Well, maybe a little... but I can assure you that we did have a very busy and encouraging program.

Over the conference we had time set aside for prayer and worship, workshops on practical ministry matters, discussion about future mission, and raising ministry challenges and ideas. We were also amazingly blessed to have a series of talks on preaching by Mike Raiter (who sadly for COVID reasons remained locked down in Melbourne but was able to join us via Zoom).



Mike's varied background in pastoral ministry, missionary service, and academic teaching has provided him a clarity and focus on the subject of preaching that is incredibly valuable. Through his current role as Director of the Centre for Biblical Preaching groups such as our local clergy can benefit from his wisdom and experience.

The teaching and preaching of Scripture is, of course, at the heart of ordained ministry, and

those present certainly received great practical guidance on this important task. But it should be remembered that many others besides clergy in our churches are called upon to teach and encourage from Scripture – Sunday School teachers, youth workers, evangelists, RI teachers, Bible study leaders, chaplains, and others. It can be hoped that for those of us who are regular preachers to congregations our approach to handling God's Word might provide a solid guide and model to those who labour alongside us.

It would be impossible to summarise all the wisdom that Mike gave over the conference, but for me there were three points that I took away as particularly important and encouraging.

1) Scripture is Christ-shaped, and so must be our preaching. While the Bible was written over 1500 years across multiple languages and contexts, at the heart remains the figure of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's true and living Word. The reality of God With Us directs the living Word as the approved witness of God's mighty plan of salvation for the whole world. Even in difficult passages (such as Lot and his daughters in Genesis 19) we are reminded that the plan of God was to draw humanity to himself through Christ. Christian hope in preaching is found in drawing our focus in every sermon to some aspect of the person and work of Jesus – his identity, wisdom, power, sacrifice, redemption, or glory.

2) Spend time on the important thing. Mike observed that many preachers take too long in the background reading and side issues of passages during preparation time, and so then time for writing and shaping their sermon is greatly reduced. Of course, commentaries and other resources are good and helpful if there

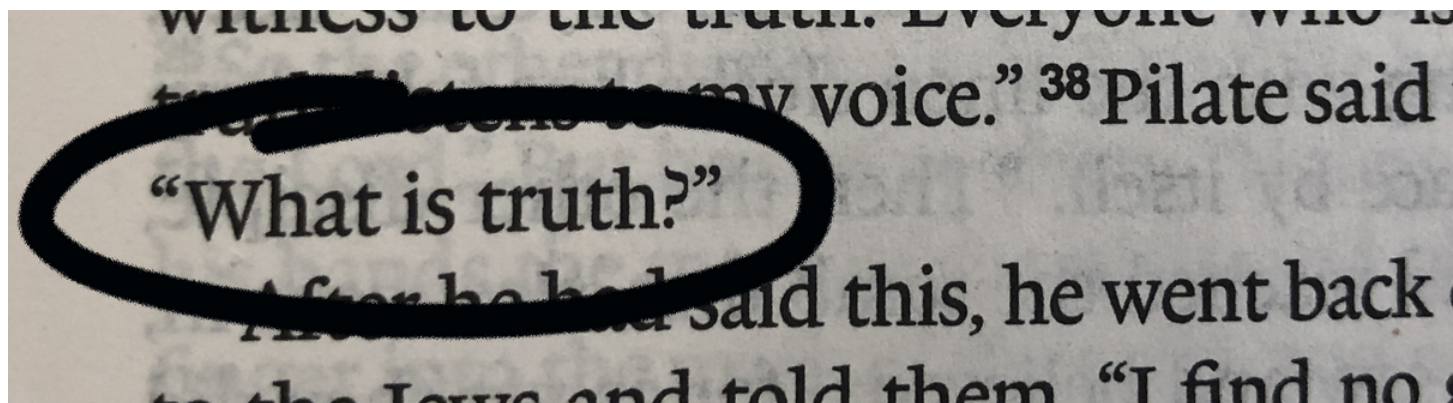
are obscure or tricky issues in the passage, but most passages that a preacher will deal with are fairly straightforward and thus time is better spent working on clarifying the main ideas in the Bible text, editing the written sermon, and practicing the delivery.

3) The people in front of us need to HEAR the message. Teaching the Bible does not take place without context. We all have our different church communities and individual challenges. The wonderful news is that the Word can speak into all that and make a difference. The preacher's task is not to obscure the text with many illustrations or personal anecdotes, but instead to shape the sermon so that the Scriptures may speak to the people present, whether that might be a saint of 60 years of



faith or the young person whose life might be in chaos. The Word can speak to them all, and it is the preacher's job to speak that Word to them so they might hear and be encouraged in faith at every stage.

Rev Luke Collings
Moranbah & Clermont Parishes



Have you ever asked yourself what 'truth' is? It's a question Jesus was famously asked 2000 years ago. Philosophers through the ages have asked this question. We may not wake up every morning thinking about truth, but we use truth to help us make decisions every day. Truth is fundamental to our lives.

Take food as an example. I eat food because I have learnt that if I don't eat, my body hurts. I have learnt a truth, that I need food to survive, so I eat regularly.

As another example, consider your bank accounts. You put your money in a bank

account. Sometimes it might even earn interest. I expect you keep your money with that bank because you trust that bank to look after your money. Your truth is that you believe your bank is trustworthy.

What about truths that are even more important? Who is God? What is God like? Where do we get our information about God? Do we decide for ourselves what God thinks and what God is like? Do we only believe what we were taught about God as children?

If not, who do we trust to teach us about God?

In the Anglican Church our beliefs are defined by our Book of Common Prayer, Creeds and Articles of Religion (page 476 in the APBA). Article 6 states, and I have modernised the language, 'Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation: so that whatever is not in Holy Scripture and whatever cannot be proved by Holy Scripture, is not to be required of anyone...'. It then lists all the books we have in our Bibles and calls them Holy Scripture. So, Anglicans believe the Bible is truth. It's a bold statement.

As Christians in the Anglican tradition, the Bible is our truth and shows us right from wrong, good from bad, what is from God and what is not from God. But some might say, "I don't believe this part of the Bible." We might ask them how they decided which parts to believe? To do this they would have found a new source of truth, apart from the Bible. Whatever they used to decide that part of the Bible is not truth, has become their new source of truth.

So, if the Bible is not true and trustworthy, how do we find truth about:

1. Jesus and his salvation?
2. Our understanding of God and his purposes?
3. How to live a life that pleases God?

When we decide the Bible is not the source of our truth, then we have decided that we know a greater truth. In doing this, we have made ourselves the judge of truth.

In our lives, we trust our banks with our money. But who do we trust with our life? Who do we trust with our eternity? Have we decided that the Bible is our truth about God, salvation and eternal life? The Bible speaks of itself like this,

The sum of the word is truth and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

PSALM 119:160

Alternatively, have you decided on a different truth? You might decide some parts of the Bible are true and other parts are not. Or, you might formulate your own truth with parts from different places: from your parents, from other religions and from your own experience. If so, how do you know you have the truth?

Whatever you decide is your truth, as you put your faith in that truth, as you live your life according to that truth, my hope is that the God whom you are following is the Almighty God who created all things, and not a God that you have designed for yourself.

As Christians in the Anglican tradition, we trust that the Bible is God's truth for everyone, that it contains all we need to receive salvation, that it has all we need to know God, and that it shows how to live a life that pleases God.

As the Bible says,

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Let me encourage you to put your trust in the truth of the Bible. For only there you will find confidence for today and eternity, only there will you see Jesus reveal the truth about himself, and only there does God promise to speak as you read his Word.

Rev Rob Stanley
Keppel Parish

HISTORY, MYTH OR LEGEND?

IS THE BIBLE HISTORICAL – OR IS IT FULL OF MYTH AND LEGEND?

If I had a dollar for every time I was asked this question (or some variant of it) we could possibly fund the remainder of the repairs to our Cathedral!

The Bible is banned in many countries, yet desperately sought by persecuted Christians. It is the best-selling book of all time, and the most widely studied piece of literature in the world. The influence of the Bible on our culture is unquestionable, with much of our art, law, philosophy, language, music and literature drawing on the Bible as a foundation. Yet cultural influence aside many people today want to ignore, rubbish, or reject the Bible. So how do we know it can be trusted?

The first thing we need to do is define 'Myth and Legend'; these are words which conjure up different ideas for different people. The working definition of 'Myth and Legend' is simply *'non-historical and/or non-factual tales that contain a moral message'*, and this is the definition we are starting with today.

Is the Bible Historically Reliable?

Yes! Critics of the Bible have long ridiculed its value as a historical document. Yet, because the Scriptures continually refer to historical events, they are verifiable; their accuracy can be checked by external evidence. Evidence for the authenticity and accuracy of the Bible began to surface virtually the instant archaeologists started to scratch the surface of the biblical lands in the mid 1800s. Excavations have uncovered cities, locations, palaces and monuments recorded in the Bible. Tablets, inscriptions, seals, coins and artefacts have been uncovered verifying events, people groups and specific individuals recorded in scripture. The historicity of Jesus Christ is well established by

early Roman, Greek, and Jewish sources, and these extrabiblical writings also affirm the major details of the New Testament. For example first century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus made specific references to John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and James, as well as giving many background details about the Herods, the Sadducees and Pharisees, High Priests like Annas and Caiaphas, and the Roman Emperors.

Doesn't modern science prove the Bible to be based on myth and superstition?

No! The first thing to remember is that the Bible never claims to be a scientific textbook, and it doesn't use scientific language, yet provides a congruent worldview from which we can explore the physical world. Science is a practice of exploration of the physical world based on careful observation, on precise description of natural events and phenomena. The two are not necessarily incompatible. Historically the Christian Church was the patron of the sciences; and many leading scientist through out the ages have been, and continue to be, active, Bible believing Christians. Science has never been able to disprove the Bible, yet there are things within the Bible which science is unable to explain; for example it is fair to conclude that miracles lie outside of realms of the natural order, but are not opposed to science. It is simply that God can and does intervene in history. So, the issue of incompatibility of science and Christianity stems only from the worldview from which the explorer sets their foundation.

For example some scientists deny the creationist position on the origins of the universe. For these scientists, the foundation of exploration is that we got here by chance and will end up in

nothingness; this is a leap of faith in and of itself, and an assumption not based on any observable facts. For Christians, faith in intelligent design as explanation for the origin of life is far more reasonable than faith in randomness and blind chance.

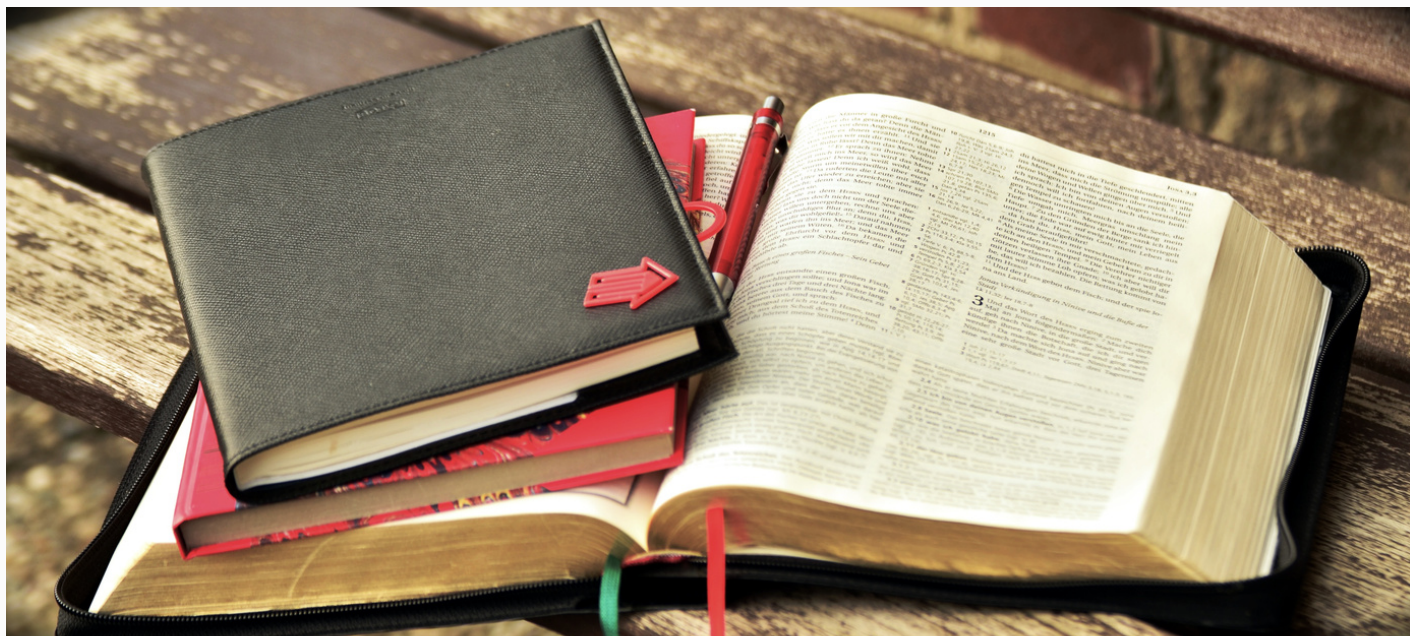
But, hasn't the Bible been changed over time?

No! Extensive research has demonstrated time and again that the Old and New Testaments enjoy far greater manuscript attestation in terms of quantity, quality, and time span than any other ancient documents. Old Testament scribes exercised extreme care in making new copies of the Hebrew scriptures. The number of letters,

clueless as to where we came from, why we are here, where we are going, and we can only stumble in the dark and search in vain for answers to the big questions of origin, meaning, morality and destiny. If the Bible is not reliable, if it is not true, then we have no basis for hope; and as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:19b (then)

"we are of all people most to be pitied"

In the short time available to us, we've only been able to scratch the surface of what is a fascinating and rich area of study. I hope in this brief survey I've been able to show that the books of the Bible pass all the tests of historical accuracy, that there are very good reasons to



words, and lines were counted, and the middle letters of the Pentateuch and the Old Testament were determined. If a single mistake was discovered, the entire manuscript would be destroyed. As a result of this extreme care, the quality of the manuscripts of the Old Testament surpasses all other ancient manuscripts.

Similarly, the New Testament scriptures are regarded as having been faithfully transmitted with only minor differences seen amongst the thousands of ancient manuscripts available, none of which call into question any of the doctrines of the New Testament.

Does it even matter whether the Bible is true?

Absolutely! Without the Bible we are left

trust the Bible, and that within it's pages we will find only sound teaching from a loving, compassionate, graceful, stern, holy, and just God. I hope that you have found good reasons to approach the Bible with a refreshed and open mind, willing to take what it says seriously and weigh its claims carefully. Reading the Bible is an exciting spiritual, emotional, and intellectual adventure; it is through this adventure that we come into a personal saving relationship with the God of the universe - it is not necessarily an easy journey, but we are promised that God Himself will walk through it with us, and that the rewards at the end of the journey are out of this world!

146TH SESSION OF SYNOD

23-24 OCTOBER 2020

Members Present

Day 1 House of Clergy 23 House of Laity 35

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SYNOD CONTESTED ELECTION RESULTS

BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL

Beryl Andersen; Luke Collings; Nathan Dean; Andrew Gall; Jennifer Hercott; Rob Stanley; Val Gribble; Cheryl Haughton; Allison Leech; Cheryl Schlencker; Rhylla Webb



MOTIONS PASSED

"That Synod receive the Report of the Treasurer, Financial Statements 2019 and DRAFT Operational Diocesan Budget 2021, including Parish Contributions Schedule."

"That the Parish Contributions rate for the 2021 year remain at 12% of Base Contribution Income as calculated by the Parish Contribution model adopted at the 2019 Synod."

"That the Synod agrees to the appointment of Mr Matthew Hung of Rdl Accountants as Auditor of the 2020 Financial Statements of the Corporation and other related entities as required."

"In light of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta moving to approve the blessing of 'Same Sex Marriages' at their Synod in 2019 and the impending actions at the Appellate tribunal regarding their decision on the matter, that this Synod affirms the current Anglican Church of Australia's stance on marriage/blessing of marriages, according to the constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia and the 39 Articles, which recognises marriage as being between a man and a woman."

"That this Synod sends a message of condolence to the National Church of PNG in relation to the death of Bishop Allan Migi, late Archbishop of ACPNG with thankfulness for his year of ministry in the Diocese of Rockhampton. We remember him as a young priest of great potential whose deep faith, gentleness and concern for others made a lasting impression on all with whom he ministered. We ask the National Church Secretary to send our sincere sympathy and prayers to his wife, Mary and their family."

"Synod extends its deepest gratitude to the Revd Capt Graeme Liersch and the Revd Susan Liersch for their years of service in Longreach and the greater western region of the Diocese. Synod wishes them well as they move in January to accept the Parish of Wongthaggi and Inverloch in the Diocese of Gippsland."

"Synod expresses its deepest gratitude to Mr Alan Larsen for his many years of service to this Synod and the Diocese, including Diocesan Council, Tanyalla Board, Standing Committee, AnglicareCQ Board, Mission to Seafarers and most recently Bishopric Election Board, for his advice surrounding many aspects of finance and property."

SYNOD 2020 CONT.

"Synod expresses its deepest gratitude to the Ven John Barnes for the work he has done as Registrar and Synod Treasurer since arriving in February 2019."

"In light of the contribution the Rev Delfina Trail has made to the Diocese over many years, through 'Bishop in Council'/'Diocesan Council' and other means, that this Synod thank her and wishes her well in her new endeavours, by passing a vote of thanks through acclamation."



"That this Synod thank the Rev Anne Nixon for her contribution to this Diocese over many years."

"Synod expresses its sincere gratitude to the Ven Tom Henderson-Brooks for his dedication, support and servant leadership in the Diocese since arriving in January 2016. Tom has served as Rector of North Rockhampton Parish, Archdeacon for Ministry, Training & Formation, on Synod, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Examining Chaplain, Board member AnglicareCQ and most recently as Bishop's Commissary and Administrator of the Diocese. We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the focussed and pastoral manner in which Tom has led the Diocese through these significantly challenging times in 2020. We wish both Tom and Caroline well as in their next phase of ministry with Canberra/Goulburn Diocese commencing in April 2021."

"Synod wishes to express its congratulations and gratitude to Rev Beth O'Neill on the receipt of her Order of Australia Medal for her service to the Parish of Barcoo and the community of Blackall."

"That this Synod expresses its heartfelt gratitude to and admiration of Bishop Alf Chipman for his Christ-centred leadership of the Bishopric Election Board, his wise counsel and

his unstinting contribution both personally and financially to the role he was asked to take on by Diocesan Council. Bishop Alf's love, prayerfulness and wise leadership were instrumental in the successful conclusion of the Bishopric Election Board's task."

"Synod expresses its gratitude to the Rev Jake de Salis for his Synod Bible studies, and to the Rev Luke Collings for his music, and to the Rev Jennifer Hercott for her leading the Synod worship."

"Synod expresses its gratitude to all those behind the scenes who have helped Synod to function smoothly, including all those who have helped on committees, and facilitated Synod, including Mrs Cheryl Haughton, Ms Barbara Smith, Miss Tara Cowen, Rev Jen Hercott."

"That the Minutes of Synod, for Saturday 24 October 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings."

"That the Synod now closes until it is recalled in October 2021."

HELPING STUDENTS MAKE SENSE OF THE BIBLE

One of the things I love about the Bible is that you don't need a University Degree to understand it. That's probably a good thing because most University students don't have a University degree! One of the greatest joys for me is to see people growing in their confidence to read the Bible and know that they can understand it. God didn't reveal his truth to us in riddles and codes, but in the clear words of his Holy Spirit led people.

The simple message is that God loves us and calls us from our sinful lives to repentance and faith through Jesus. Even University students can understand that. That's not to say that there aren't difficult parts to it, but Jesus told us that the greatest commandment was that we ought to love the Lord our God with all of our mind, as well as all our heart, soul and strength. We can do pretty well loving God with our hearts, but we must never neglect this aspect of our worship of him by not feeding our faith and allowing his word to challenge our minds.

For students wanting to 'study' the Bible, I remind them that this isn't simply an academic exercise with a pass or fail at the end of it, as they might be getting used to. Hebrews 4:12 fills us with every confidence in the power of his word - *'For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.'*

God's word changes us, it doesn't just teach us facts, so I encourage all students to read it, listen to it, study it. The greatest difficulty of the Bible is not in understanding it, but allowing what's written in its pages to shape our lives through faithful obedience.

Of course, it's helpful to have good teachers helping you, like in any discipline, but it's also helpful to have good and faithful role models to walk with. Our walk of faith is not one to be walked alone.




*For the word of God
is alive and active.*

Hebrews 4:12



I've found that the best tool for helping students of all ages make sense of the Bible is to understand the big picture of the Bible. To see how, from Genesis to Revelation, God tells the big story of how he loves the people he created but who continue to sin against him, and how he promised to redeem them through the most sufficient sacrifice ever made in the history of the world, then he made good on that promise. To make sense of the Bible, we need to realise that we're in it. We're included in the people who continue to sin against God, and because God's plan all along was to fulfil his promise of salvation through Jesus, that means that Jesus' death was for every one of us. That makes the Bible personal to us.

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Finally, I encourage them to study the Bible not because we already know it all, but because we don't, and we never will. When we understand that this is a life-long endeavour, that God keeps teaching us every time we pick it up and calling us to repentance and faith, then we approach the Bible with excitement and the anticipation of what God will teach us today. The choice is then ours how we respond.

Rev Matthew Taylor
Chaplain to CQUni

READING THE BIBLE WITH KIDS



I've met two Christian celebrities. An author whose brilliant books have sold in the millions and a preacher from Seattle. Amazingly they were willing to sit and talk to me. Because of who they were I listened to every word they said (I also loved that the author needed help with his tomato sauce.)

The Lord God is far more famous, wise and kind than these two men. He loves his people. We talk to him in prayer. He is not silent. He speaks clearly to all ages in the Bible. His words are not irrelevant.

Psalms 19 describes God's words:

*They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

Given this description of the Bible, we will want to share them with our children and give them this love of God's word. Here are ten tips for reading the Bible with children:

1. Start NOW!

We're busy, it might be awkward, the family is restless. The sooner you start the better. From conception, it's a good time to read the Bible with your little ones. So are ages: 1, 5, 10, 20, 100. The Apostle Paul writes of how Timothy has known the scriptures from infancy when his mother read them to him from before he could remember. In our family, when each child was minutes old Dad held the Baby and read the Bible with them.

2. Involve the Whole Family

This will work better, the more that both parents are actively involved. A baby in the womb can hear and will benefit from listening, a young child won't comprehend what's happening, but that's okay, this is part of developing a lifelong habit and love of reading God's word. As they learn to read, they can read it with you.

3. Read Daily

Set up good habits for reading the Bible each day. Make time if this is important. When you get out of habit with life. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and try again. This consistency will greatly help your children.

4. Read Systematically

When I read a cookbook, I open to random pages to salivate over dishes. When I use a dictionary, I jump to the entry that I need. If I read Jane Austen, I read it from beginning to end in order to truly appreciate the book. Don't bounce all over the Bible, this can be confusing for a child to get the big picture of what is going on. Choose a book and aim for a chapter per day (some days it may only be a paragraph).

5. Start with a Gospel

There is a familiarity in reading these biographies of Jesus that can help everyone to understand and start this task.

6. Tackle the Hard Books

2 Tim 3 tells us that *all Scripture is God-breathed and useful...* So in time aim to read all of Scripture, including books like Job and Deuteronomy. This will be hard work, but you'll be surprised at the gold that is found in those pages. Our own children loved looking for leviathan in the book of Job.

7. Stop Often

Stop often to explain and engage comprehension. Get everyone to share something they learnt or noticed in the passage.

8. Pray Something from the Passage

Teach your children to pray in response to the things you've read. Sometimes these are obvious, sometimes this is harder, but teach them to pray Scripture.

9. Be OK with not always Understanding

Sometimes we'll read parts of the Bible that are hard to understand. Lessons such as: Women with head coverings in 1 Corinthians 11, A left-handed man stabs an obese king in Judges 3, The 10 virgins in Matthew 25.

You might have to think about these for a day or two. Ask a minister at church, do some reading. It is always far better to research a good answer and show a child that we're not God and that we too are working to know God through his word.

10. My Three Top Bible Helps

- Bible Reading with your kids by Jon Nielson
- The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- The Big Picture Family Devotional by David Helm

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Families Minister
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BRING: BIBLE, PEN & A WATER BOTTLE.



KAREEN'S KITCHEN

Hi everyone, Kareen here again.

This month is a recipe from my childhood. I remember on the days Mum needed a break from cooking, my Dad would step up to the stove and make his famous curry. I remember he used to "forget" that he liked it hotter than us, and would "accidentally" slip with the curry powder. He would then hand us a banana or coconut to add to our own plates, or tell us to grab a glass of milk. 😊 Well I hope it's not too hot, or maybe you may need to slip with the curry powder too.

Ingredients

- leftover roast meat (or 500g mince of choice)
- 1 apple, skin on diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 carrot
- 1 clove garlic
- small knob of ginger (optional - adds extra heat)
- handful of sultanas
- 1 dessertspoon flour
- 1 dessertspoon curry powder
- 2 cups stock/water
- 1 dessertspoon apricot jam
- oil for frying
- salt and pepper
- leftover roast vegetables or any greens you want
- rice to serve

DAD'S CURRY

Method

1. Dice up leftover meat and set aside.
2. Fry any raw vegetables in the oil, and mince if using it
3. Add the curry powder and flour, stirring for a minute before adding the stock/water (I replace half the liquid amount with coconut milk which makes for a lovely creamy curry)
4. Bring the sauce to the boil and then reduce to a simmer
5. Add all remaining ingredients.
6. Simmer for approximately 30 minutes.

Serve with rice.

I really do hope you enjoy a trip to my childhood and it becomes a regular meal at your house, as it has ours. ♥

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Judging 7 November 2020

Entries will be displayed during "Dressed for Christmas" Fair

10 am – 4 pm Saturday 14 November,
Please collect promptly afterward



Registration forms available in parish offices.

NEW NOMAD COORDINATORS



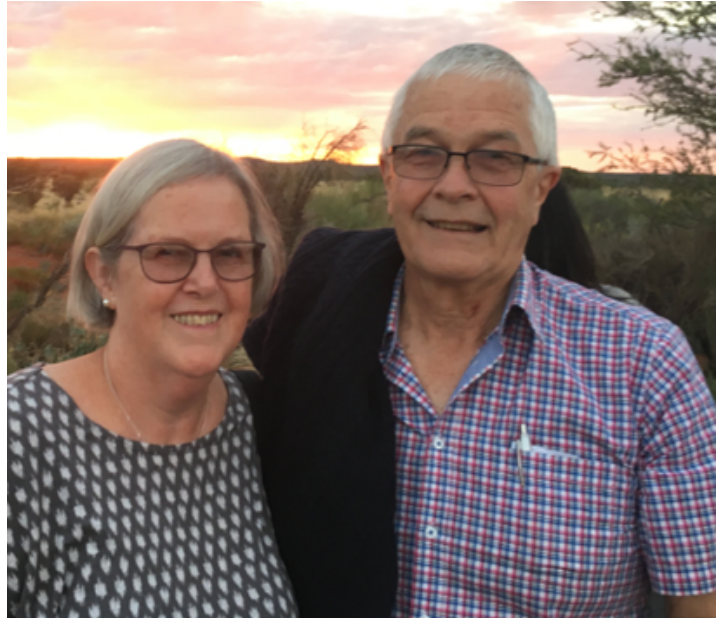
The Rev Greg Harris, BCA National Director, recently announced new Nomads Coordinators, Greg and Jocelyn Lay.

Greg and Jocelyn have been BCA Nomads since 2012 but have been caravanning for the past 53 years! It was after they bought their first caravan in 2008 that they started travelling around Australia. A few short years later they combined their passion for caravanning with their passion for serving Christ.

BCA Nomads have been well served for many years by previous coordinators Doug and Frances Orr before Doug's death in late June. During their leadership the Nomads went from strength to strength.

Greg + Jocelyn consider themselves to be Auswi (Australian Kiwi), moving to Australia in 1996. Greg has worked in the steel industry, the IT industry, been a dairy farmer and a truck salesman. Before raising their three daughters, Jocelyn was a children's dentist in New Zealand.

"As BCA Nomads we enjoy combining our love of travel, meeting people and serving the Lord," says Greg and Jocelyn.



Please pray for Greg + Jocelyn as they work with the Nomad leadership team to strengthen this important ministry.

CQFIRST PHOTO COMPETITION

- Entry is open to all ages, one entry per photographer.
- Entries will be judged according to which image best depicts the theme **'Fresh Start'**.
- Photos must be taken within the CQ Diocese boundaries (*Keppel to Boulia, Agnes to St Lawrence*)
- Photos must be High Resolution (300dpi)
- By entering the competition the photographer is giving permission for the photo to be used on the Diocesan website, and any other Diocesan marketing material
- Entries must be submitted to the Diocesan Offices by USB or by DropBox link emailed to bishop.pa@anglicanchurchcq.org.au
- Competition closes 31 December 2020
- Winners announced in February 2021 CQFirst

Fresh Start

1st Prize - \$500
2nd Prize - \$250
3rd Prize - \$100

REMEMBERING BISHOP ALLAN MIGI

Bishop Allan Migi, who recently retired on ill health grounds as Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, died on 21 October at his home in Gasmata village, West New Britain Province.

There are probably a number of people in this Diocese who remember Fr Allan Migi as a very young priest who came to the then Frenchville Parish in the late 1980's supported by ABM, to gain experience in parish life. We learnt so much from him. People especially remembered his deep faith, his gentleness and love for others. Frenchville Parish was able to rent a house near to the church. He walked everywhere which fascinated people, then he obtained a bicycle. In those days the parish looked after Woorabinda and Fr Allan and Fr Paul visited there regularly. Fr Allan obtained his Queensland Driving License in Woorabinda.



After a year in the parish Fr Allan returned to PNG to marry Mary. For many reasons he was unable to return to complete a second year. We have kept in touch with him over the years and I met him on a number of occasions when I visited PNG. He was the National Chaplain of MU for many years.

Fr Allan continued to minister in the Diocese of New Guinea Islands and was chosen as their Bishop in 1999. In 2017 he was elected as the Primate and Archbishop of ACPNG and moved to live in Lae where the National office is situated. No Bishop of New Guinea Islands was elected in his time as Archbishop and he was also Acting Bishop of Port Moresby for nearly two years.

He resigned as Primate in April of this year and returned to his village. Bishop Allan died of complications of diabetes.

The following motion was passed at our recent Synod. *"That this Synod sends a message of condolence to the National Church of PNG in relation to the death of Bishop Allan Migi, late Archbishop of ACPNG with thankfulness for his year of ministry in the Diocese of Rockhampton. We remember him as a young priest of great potential whose deep faith, gentleness and concern for others made a lasting impression on all with whom he ministered. We ask the National Church Secretary to send our sincere sympathy and prayers to his wife, Mary and their family."*

Canon Val Gribble

A Prayer for our Bishop-Elect

Eternal God, Shepherd and Guide,

in your mercy you have given your church in the Rockhampton Diocese
a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways
and who will, with loving care, watch over your people.

We praise you that you have given us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.

Lord, we earnestly pray, build up your church in this Diocese,

enable and equip your children with the power of your Spirit

to draw people to yourself from every walk of life, so that your name may be glorified.

We pray for Peter, for Virginia, and their family.

Thank you for their willingness to cross this great country,

to love and serve your people across Central Queensland.

We pray for ourselves and the people of our communities.

Prepare our hearts and minds. Help us to be prayerful, as we have been asked to be,

to receive your word and to welcome them with open arms and loving hospitality,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



COVID SAFE UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2020

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work that has gone into our churches meeting in COVIDSafe ways. It has been fantastic to see so many parishes planning events using the event planning process and to hear stories from across the Diocese about how well these events have run.

Queensland continues to track well with regards to COVID-19 infection rates; at the date of writing there were 8 active cases in Queensland, with no local transmission recorded in more than 28 days. The Government Roadmap to easing restrictions is now in Stage 5. Stage 5 reduces border restrictions, meaning that more people can enter Queensland with a valid Queensland Border Declaration Pass *without* having to complete mandatory quarantine.

Stage 5 brings no further easing on business or gathering restrictions. This means that there is still no change around social distancing, building capacity, hand hygiene, weddings, funerals, baptisms or the preparation and distribution of communion. (*Full hand hygiene, individual cups only, no common cup and strictly no intinction or dipping*). Advice from the department is that we **can** use air-conditioners in worship and gathering spaces. Best practice remains to clean filters of air conditioners where possible at the end of each day; where this is not possible air-conditioners may still be used in circumstances where excessive heat in the building is a greater

risk to occupants than the locally identified risk of COVID-19 transmission.

There is one more planned easing for 2020. Stage 6 of the Roadmap is *likely* to come into force on 1st December 2020 *should there be no outbreak of COVID-19 in the intervening period*. Stage 6 further opens borders and increases home based gathering, outdoor events and restrictions on dancing at weddings. However, there is no planned easing of restrictions which will impact places of worship.

Planning for Christmas

As church communities we must be planning for a COVIDSafe Christmas. The Government is giving us a 'new normal' in the road map beyond Stage 6 which includes physical distancing, wearing of masks where distancing is not possible, personal hand hygiene measures, business cleaning and hygiene measures, contact tracing, and hotspot identification. To cater for season attendance numbers some churches are talking about additional service times and outdoor services to increase usable space and service streaming.

Please do not hesitate to contact safeministry@anglicanchurchcq.org.au should you need any assistance or advice with regards to anything safe ministry.

Grace + Peace

Rev Jennifer Hercott, Safe Ministry Coordinator

We heartily thank this month's contributors and welcome your contributions.

