

Orange welcomes new rector

❑ Commissioning service incorporates Five Marks of Mission

The Five Marks of Mission, developed by the Anglican Communion around the world over recent decades, formed an integral part of the commissioning of Malcolm Dunnett as Rector of Holy Trinity Orange on Tuesday evening, November 25.

Incorporated into the Diocesan Mission Action Plan in 2011, the five marks are:

- ♦ To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
- ♦ To teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
- ♦ To respond to human need by loving service;
- ♦ To seek to transform unjust structures of society to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
- ♦ To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

After reminding the gathered congregation of these marks, Bishop Ian Palmer then addressed the incoming Rector: “Mal, this is the mission of God in Christ; it is the mission of our Diocese; it is the mission of the people of this parish; and it is your mission as you seek to serve our Lord in this community”.

In a commissioning service written by Bishop Ian the incoming Rector was handed symbols to represent each mark of mission: a Bible as the revelation of the good news of God’s Kingdom; prayer book, chalice and water representing the call to baptise and nurture believers and thereby build a life-giving community of faith; a towel and bowl symbols of our loving service to the needy, a cross as the sign of our call to pursue justice and reconciliation, and a bowl of earth signifying our care for God’s creation.

Mal Dunnett comes to Orange from the parish of Koorngal, in Wagga Wagga (Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn), where he has served as Rector for the past eight years.

His Regional Bishop from Wagga, Genieve Blackwell (a former priest of this diocese) preached at the installation



ADVICE: (above) Guest preacher at the Installation service, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, advised the incoming rector not to take up burdens he was not meant to carry.

GIFT: (right) Mal Dunnett brought a gift from the Parish of Guala in the Solomon Islands: a paddle, which to the Islanders was a reminder that the Gospel came to them by canoe, and the canoe was vital to the continuing proclamation of the Gospel.



service, cautioning the new rector against taking on burdens that he was not meant to carry.

Quoting the Old Testament reading (Numbers 11:16-25), she explained that God had instructed Moses to delegate some of his responsibilities to the elders of Israel.

“The burdens we carry can sometimes get too heavy for a leader,” she said,

suggesting that this was an indication that the leader might be trying to take on a load God never intended them to carry.

“There may come a time in the life of the parish here when Mal may have to ask himself, ‘Am I trying to shoulder God’s responsibilities instead of fulfilling my own?’”

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Appeal to fund office of Bishop

At our Synod in September the Diocesan Archdeacon Frank Hetherington spoke of the need to set up a new base of support for the office of the Bishop.

He told Synod that because over a number of years the capital of the Endowment of the See had been used it was no longer able to continue to support the ministry of the Bishop and a new source of income would need to be established.

At the end of November three laymen from our Diocese registered an independent Trust called the Episcopal Ministry Fund whose purpose is to fund the office of the Bishop of Bathurst.

These Trustees are supported by a small secretariat and this week they launched an appeal with a letter sent out to all parishes in our Diocese asking that a copy be handed to parishioners.

The target for 2015 has been set at \$150,000, which will cover the stipend of the Bishop, travel and accommodation costs and administrative support.

Reverend Ted Evenden, recently retired parish priest at Cumnock who now lives in Orange, and Orange Real Estate agent Len Bailey have both been part of the planning group.

Along with Archdeacon Frank, Ted Evenden and Len Bailey are both very willing to visit parishes to speak about the importance of the appeal, and encourage Anglicans throughout the diocese to support the venture.

Catholic Dean of Bathurst appointed Bishop of Sale

His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Very Reverend Father Patrick Michael O'Regan as the ninth Bishop of Sale on 4 December.

Bishop-elect O'Regan is currently the Vicar General and Dean of the Cathedral in the Diocese of Bathurst.

Born and educated in Bathurst, Fr O'Regan was ordained in 1983 and has spent much of his ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst. He has at various times served as Chancellor, Diocesan Administrator and Vicar-General.

Letter to parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

I am inviting you to join a recently established new fund to support the Office of the Bishop, in the Diocese of Bathurst. The enclosed leaflet provides some information about this Fund, to be known as the Episcopal Ministry Fund.

As a Parishioner you will be aware that our Diocese is facing massive challenges at the moment. Most urgent is the support of the Office of the Bishop. The Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia requires that there be a Bishop in order to have a Diocese. Our provision for a Bishop is therefore crucial for the existence of our Diocese.

The expenses of the Office of the Bishop include stipend, travel, accommodation and the provision of administrative support.

By working together, the financial target of \$150,000 can be met.

That is a lot of money. Yet, for example, 200 people like yourself, giving \$750 (\$62.50 per month for 12 months) would reach the target.

I am pleased to say that already \$15,000 in cash has been received with another \$3,000 promised. Some folk are already arranging for Direct Debit contributions.

Some people are considering arranging a special function or activity to raise money towards reaching our goal. All gifts will be gratefully received and receipts issued.

Thank you for considering support for this appeal. Please also join me in regular prayer for the success of this fund. Together we faithfully seek to serve God, day by day.

With blessings for Christmas and the New Year,



Archdeacon Frank Hetherington

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She added that the parish might need to ask itself the same question.

"Ultimately, this is God's parish - not your parish, or Mal's parish, or Bishop Ian's, for that matter - and God will carry you."

Bishop Genieve also pointed out that when he felt burdened, Moses had taken his problem to God - and God had answered that cry for help.

"Partnership is crucial," she said. "Moses needed help to be effective; he needed practical support. Mal needs help, Mal needs practical support - and not just from Rosie."

At the conclusion of the service, the incoming rector was formally welcomed

by the Rector's Warden, David Ironside; Regional Ministry Coordinator Canon Margaret Finlay; Pastor Clara Singleton (representing the local churches); and Mayor of Orange Councillor John Davis.

Prior to his ordination as a priest in Canberra-Goulburn Diocese in 2005 Mal Dunnett worked as Creative Ministries Director at the Uniting Church of Australia's 'Church in the Marketplace' at Bondi Junction.

He has also served with Crusader Union as Assistant Director of Summit Education, the camping program.

Mal originally trained for ministry through Tabor Bible College, and his first appointment after graduation was

as Associate Pastor at Falls Christian Fellowship, an AOG church in the Blue Mountains.

In recent years he has made several short missionary trips to the Diocese of Ysabel in the Solomon Islands, developing close connections with some parishes there. He has indicated that he hopes to continue these links.

Mal has also commenced research work on a PhD through Tabor, with his thesis tentatively entitled *A Study in Liturgical Apologetics*.

He is married to Rosemary, and they have a daughter (aged 23) and two sons (aged 18 and 15). The two eldest live in Canberra.

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Turning the doorknob

A brass doorknob on an old wooden door is not the most obvious symbol of Advent or Christmas.

This symbol is just one of thousands being circulated across the Anglican Communion on an Advent Calendar for smart phones on Social Media.

The Anglican Communion Office and the Anglican Monastic Order of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) have been astounded by the response to their invitation to create a crowdsourced, global Advent calendar on Social Media. They are inviting people across the world to send in their images and a “word” that speaks to them of the message of Advent.

All the resultant images have combined to create the first ever global Advent Calendar on the Anglican Communion website: <http://www.aco.org/adventword.cfm>

The doorknob image came to my phone when the readings for the day were “Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.” (Isaiah 40:31) and the words of Jesus, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

This twin theme of waiting and the

invitation to come have played on my mind and in my heart ever since then. The thoughts of waiting behind a closed door, knocking (“will there be an answer?”); the call from inside, “Come in”. Another series of thoughts, “Do I want to open the door?” “What if there is no reply?” “Do I fear or welcome whatever might be behind the door if I open it?”

These and dozens of other thoughts give me pause to reflect in this Advent season. As members of Synod and Bishop in Council know the financial situation of our Diocese is precarious and we are struggling to provide a balanced budget for 2015. Elsewhere in this e-News you will read about the necessity of an appeal to fund the office of the Bishop. “Is the door closed and locked shut?” “Is this a door waiting to be opened and an entry into fresh opportunities?”

In Advent I think again about Mary - willing to open the door to all of God’s possibilities. Then there’s Zechariah far more uncertain about the future and the birth of his son to be named John (the Baptist). But still God is faithful.

There’s the innkeeper who closes the

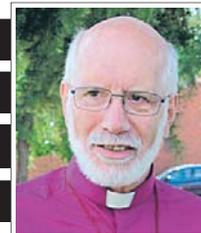


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door to his inn but finds a key to a stable door. By the grace of God kindness can triumph even when life is busy and so many people and requests flood in from every side - and so many decisions, big and small, to be made.

There are shepherds who to their amazement find a door into heaven opens and angels visit them; wise men who have to search for the right door - and when they open it they discover their hearts’ desire. Herod is not sure which is the right door but through ruthless murder will make sure all doors are locked and barred. But a mere king cannot overturn God’s purposes.

An unremarkable brass doorknob in an old wooden door: “wait in hope”, “come - you are welcome”. A baby is born. Years later this baby - then a grown man - makes a remarkable statement, “I am the door.” (John 10:9) It is an invitation to enter into life. I want to go in, but my fears ... Pray for courage to take hold of the doorknob and turn it.

+ Ian Palmer

Orange East's *mainly music* turns four

From Orange East Parish

On Wednesday, 19 November Orange *mainly music* celebrated their 4th birthday at St Barnabas Anglican Church.

24 families gathered together to enjoy their 30 minute interactive music program of favourite songs and rhymes.

This was followed by the cutting of the delicious birthday cake by Tennielle Roberts (who attended our very first *mainly music* in 2010) and her Georgia (who was our first new baby). Children were given balloons and bubbles as they left the morning of celebration.

The *mainly music* program is based in Christian churches throughout the world. Children from birth to school age enjoy 30 minutes of interactive music, rhyme and movement with their parent which helps strengthen bonds between parent and child in a fun learning environment.

Rev'd Anne Neville said that the songs and rhymes are designed to aid in essential early childhood development skills including an appreciation of music, rhythm and rhyme, developing



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Among the families and children celebrating the fourth birthday were some young folk who had been at the first gathering of *mainly music* in November 2010.

literacy and numeracy skills, increasing fine motor and gross motor skills and an understanding of everyday concepts.

The activities also provide an

opportunity to encourage young parents and build networks of support and friendship.

New Bishop of NT consecrated

❑ Dr Greg Anderson brings a long association with the Top End

On a typically hot and steamy morning in Darwin, around 500 people gathered to witness the Consecration and Installation of the Reverend Doctor Gregory Anderson as the sixth Bishop of the NT.

Canowindra priest Jonno Williams, who has a long association with Greg Anderson, represented Bishop Ian and Bathurst Diocese at the service.

The ceremony was held on Saturday 29 November 2014 in Christ Church Cathedral where Dr Anderson was first ordained in 2001. A special feature was the involvement of lay and ordained indigenous people from communities across the NT, many of whom are personal friends of the new Bishop.

Dr Anderson is no stranger to the NT having first studied indigenous music while living in Arnhem Land during the mid-'80s. Following his PhD studies in ethno-musicology, Dr Anderson returned with his family to minister amongst aboriginal people

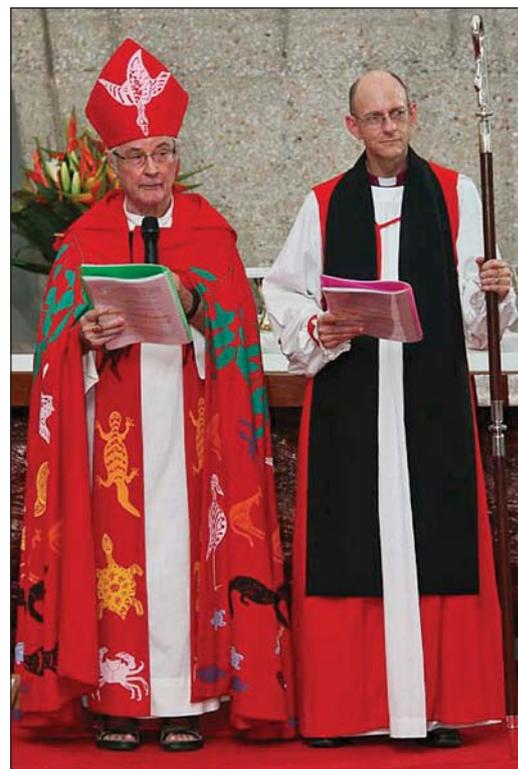
and initially lived in the gulf community of Numbulwar.

Subsequent ministry saw him serving in Christ Church Cathedral, as associate priest, establishing a popular 'café church', and later in the parish of Palmerston.

Dr Anderson served the Diocese as Indigenous Ministry Development Officer. His ability with indigenous languages endeared himself to a wide cross-section of community parishes that appreciated his cultural sensitivity and ability to communicate clearly with them. This ability was clearly evident at Nungalinya College where indigenous students from all over Australia were helped to equip them for life and ministry in their own communities.

Together with his wife, Annette, and children Paul, Zac, Lucy and Jane, the Andersons served the wider community through sharing their gifts in music.

Leaving the NT after 12 years of service Dr Anderson became the Head of Mission at Moore Theological College in Sydney. His passion for indigenous ministry continued and he maintained close ties with the Northern Territory church and people.



PRESENTATION: Administrator of the NT Diocese, Bishop Clyde Wood (left), presents the newly-consecrated Bishop, Greg Anderson, to the people.

ANGLICARE Sharing the benefit

❑ Open the door to care for those locked into poverty By Hannah McQuiggin

Throughout Lent in 2015, Anglicare will be hosting its second *Share the Benefit* (STB) event, a partnership experience between Anglican Parishes and Anglicare to bring home the meaning of poverty.

STB has two main aims. The first is to raise awareness of what it is like to live on government benefit rates and the second is to raise money to support the work of Anglicare.

"Share the Benefit allows us, in a small but powerful way, to experience the restrictions endured by many as they live with poverty" says Rev'd Ian Coutts, head of Parish Partnership Projects.

Bishop Ian Palmer has welcomed the initiative, which will run in the Dioceses of Bathurst, Riverina and Canberra-Goulburn.

"Sharing the Benefit provides a very practical way in which Anglicans can not only directly support people in need in their own community, but also come to a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those who, for whatever reason, are forced to live on welfare benefits," he said.

More information on STB can be found on Anglicare's website via: www.anglicare.com.au or phone (02) 6245 7100.

Any funds raised will be wholly used for supporting parish based initiatives that address the needs of the people Anglicare serves across the Diocese in which the money was contributed.

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Christianity and science forum

❑ Scientist urges Christians to 'affirm that all truth is God's truth'

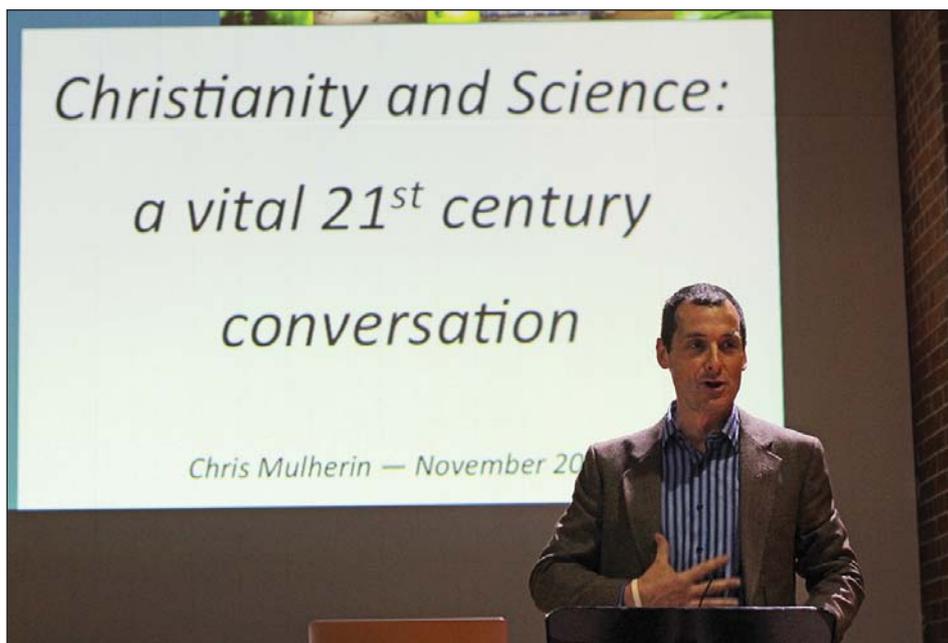
By Lewis Hitchick

Chris Mulherin, an Anglican priest with an academic background in engineering and philosophy of science, has told a Bathurst forum that "there is no conflict between science and faithful Christian belief".

Speaking at a gathering in All Saints' Cathedral hall in Bathurst last month convened by the local chapter of ISCAST (Christians in Science and Technology), Chris Mulherin said that the time for simplistic belief and unbelief was over.

"Fundamentalists of both faith and non-faith must give up their ground to views that keep science in its rightful place as servant of a broader worldview - historically, Christianity in its fullness - which offers the framework out of which arose both modern science and a global commitment to equality, and human rights, and cries for justice for the poor and marginalised," he maintained.

"The need is for Christian thinkers, and especially those who are involved in science and technology, to take up the gauntlet laid down by radical secularists and to speak up and to speak loudly about their own experience of integrating their faith with the best that science has to offer. Christian scientists must come out of the shadows. Their science is important but the future of a culture deeply rooted



ENGAGEMENT: Chris Mulherin, an Anglican minister with qualifications in engineering and philosophy of science, urges a meaningful engagement between Christianity and science.

in human dignity and meaningful existence depends also on knowing there is more to truth than what science can offer."

He said that Christians involved in science had no doubts that both science and Christianity were gifts of grace, "either of which we disrespect to our peril".

"But that is not the general view in the street and nor do all Christians share it. So I think Christians need to be on the offensive."

He claimed that Christians ought to proclaim loudly that the gifts of science are numerous, breathtaking and worthy of deep gratitude. As a means of discovering truth about the natural world, science is outstanding, offering extraordinary insight into the mechanisms of the universe and of life itself. Scientific knowledge offers a power that has led to rapidly increasing health and wealth for all, including the poorest of the global population.

"And despite continued inequity, as well as the abuse of the power of science to commit appalling atrocities, such blights cannot be blamed on the scientific enterprise," he said. "Why? Because no amount of science can provide answers to questions of meaning or morality."

Questions of morality, he said, were "outside the ambit of science".

"Human rights entrenched worldwide, convictions about charity, compassion, justice, the social welfare net, equality - all have roots and motivations deep within the Christian faith. But the Christian worldview - so foundational to a Western culture of human dignity and corresponding rights - is being dismantled piece by piece. While vestiges remain, such as the equality of all human beings or 'doing unto others,' they are now adrift from their roots, which lie in the conviction that humans are made in the image of God."

He said that today the right to be heard depended partly on getting along with mainstream science.

"And, in a sense, that is as it should be. But 'mainstream science' is not the same as scientism, the ideology that says that science has (or will have) all the answers. Scientism, which goes well beyond healthy science, is becoming the cultural default position."

In the face of this changing balance

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CHALLENGES: Chris Mulherin, Dr David Goldney and Bishop Ian Palmer discuss some of the challenges raised in Chris Mulherin's address.

Garry Weatherill to Chair ABM-A

Bishop Garry Weatherill has been appointed as the new Chair of the Board of Directors for the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM).

Bishop Garry is currently Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat in Victoria. He has been a member of the ABM Board for the past six years, first as the SA representative and more recently as the House of Bishops' Representative.

Bishop Garry is also the Chair of the ABM Partnerships Committee. In his spare time, he is also Chair of the Liturgy Commission of General Synod and Chairs the Advisory Council for Anglican Religious Life in Australia.

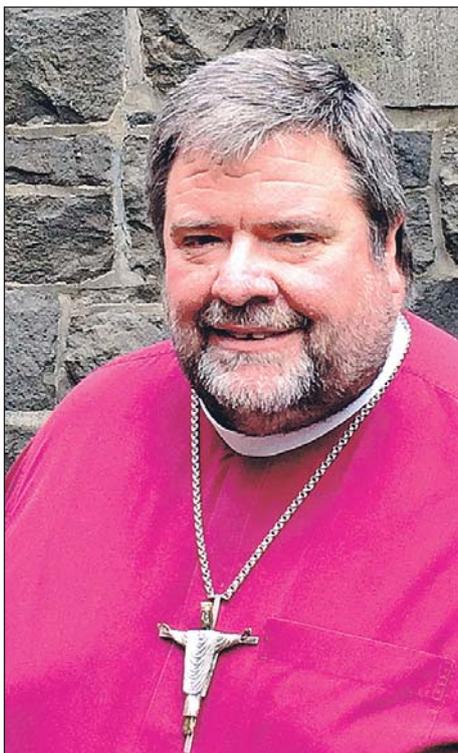
Bishop Garry said, "I am very excited to take up this new role within ABM. The commitment of our young staff, the dedication of our traditional supporters, growing links with new supporters and the rich relationships with our partner churches are really life giving."

"I am honoured to work with such talented, faithful and committed people as we seek to discover how God invites us to share in God's mission that the whole world might know love, hope and justice."

As the national mission agency in Australia, ABM is constituted by a Canon of General Synod, the governing body of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Standing Committee of General Synod met on November 23 and appointed Bishop Garry for a term of three years.

ABM's Board has 13 Directors comprised of provincial representatives and skills base. A complete list of



CHAIR: Bishop Garry Weatherill has a long association with ABM.

directors can be found at www.abmission.org/board and a history of ABM can be found at www.abmission.org/history.

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. For over 160 years ABM has been assisting people all over the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provide health and education services, improve agricultural practices and strengthen the Church.

Christianity and science forum

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of cultural forces, and views about what is credible and what should be relegated to in-credibility, Chris Mulherin suggested that there were three options open to Christians.

- ♦ Accommodationist in the extreme, which would allow secular cultural norms to dictate the nature and boundaries of truth;
- ♦ Retreat to the Christian ghetto, boldly asserting a naïve biblical literalism and seeing the scientific enterprise through conspiracy-theory lenses or more likely simply ignoring much of science while enjoying its fruits;
- ♦ follow the path trodden by the great Christian scientists and thinkers of history and to thoroughly affirm that all truth is God's truth; to affirm the two books of God - the book of his Word and the book of his works.

"In every generation it needs to be proclaimed again from pulpits and peer reviewed articles: there is no conflict between science and faithful Christian belief!" he asserted.

"The time for simplistic belief and unbelief is over.

"Fundamentalists of both faith and non-faith must give up their ground to views that keep science in its rightful place as servant of a broader worldview - historically, Christianity in its fullness - which offers the framework out of which arose both modern science and a global commitment to equality, and human rights, and cries for justice for the poor and marginalised."

He said that as Christian thinkers spoke up, others would not have to live with "that uneasy secret feeling that faith is actually the antithesis of serious thinking and good science".

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