

# Five Marks of Mission to guide new ministry

## □ Brett Watterson commissioned to lead mission of Dubbo parish

Canon Brett Watterson was commissioned to lead the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Dubbo on Saturday January 30th, when he was inducted as Rector of the parish.

His wife Michelle was licensed as an Honorary Deacon with a special focus on prayer and ministry to families.

The commissioning service was just one week short of twelve months after Bishop Ian had been installed as part-time Rector of the parish.

Bishop Ian will continue as part-time Associate Priest.

The Watterson family has moved into D'Arcy Collins Lodge and their four children Amy, Elizabeth, Lillian and Samuel have started at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School.

Preaching at the commissioning service Bishop Ian said that he was relieved to hand the baton of leadership in the Parish on to Canon Brett and pledged his support for Brett in ministry in the Parish.

Speaking about mission and ministry Bishop Ian drew attention to a significant change in the commissioning service of a new rector.

"It has been traditional," he said, "to induct the Rector into the 'Living' by taking the incoming rector to the altar, lectern, font and pulpit, and focusing upon liturgical activities within the church building."

In the new service (written by Bishop Ian) the focus is upon the mission and ministry of the whole church, which the Rector is called to lead.

Since the mid-1980s the Anglican Communion has developed Five Marks of Mission, adopted by the Bishops of the Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference in 1988.

In 2012 Bishop John Stead incorporated these Marks of Mission into the Mission Action Plan of this diocese. The mission of the church is God's mission in



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Bishop Ian congratulates Canon Brett Watterson after handing him his licence as rector of Dubbo, while Michelle Watterson watches. Michelle was licensed as Honorary Deacon in the same service.

the world God loves, and under the Lordship of Christ these marks are:

- ♦ To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (**Tell**);
- ♦ To teach, baptise and nurture new believers (**Teach**);
- ♦ To respond to human need by loving service (**Tend**);
- ♦ To seek to transform unjust structures

of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (**Transform**);

- ♦ To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth (**Treasure**).

Bishop Ian pointed out that some have abbreviated the Five Marks into five words: Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure.

## Diocesan Women's Retreat next month

The Diocesan Women's Retreat will be held at Shalom House of Prayer, Carcoar from Monday afternoon, 14th March, till after breakfast on Thursday, 17th March.

Sponsored by MU Australia Bathurst Diocese, the retreat offers a wonderful time during Lent to travel closer to God - almost three days for Reflection, Prayer and Sharing. The Retreat Leader is Rev'd Anastasia Webster-Hawes, Rector of Blayney, who will explore the theme, *Footprints*.

The cost of the Retreat is \$295. You will need to bring your Bible and bath towels; all other linen is supplied.

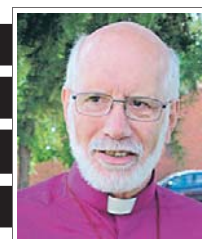
Arrangements can be made for transport from Blayney Railway Station to Carcoar.

Application forms have been sent to every Rector/Priest in Charge/ Secretary. Please contact Lorraine Clarkson (02 6332 6032; clarksonjt30@gmail.com) for more details.



# Sharing bread together: a companion Diocese

BY  
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□ **Bishop Ian was invited to conduct the pre-ordination retreat for the new Bishop of the Diocese of Ysabel, in the Solomon Islands**

The word “companion” comes from two words meaning simply “with bread”; sharing bread together.

When in September last year our Synod agreed for the Diocese of Bathurst to be a companion to the Diocese of Ysabel in the Church of Melanesia (Solomon Islands) I did not imagine that five months later I would be sitting alongside Liz with Fr Ellison Quity and his wife Jessie in a beautiful but remote retreat centre on Isabel preparing him for his consecration and sharing meals together.

This was my fourth visit to Ysabel and I had met Fr Ellison there 8 years ago. He then studied for his Master’s Degree in Fiji and when we next met he was the Principal of the Modo Wadricol Theological College for Ysabel.

Fr Ellison and Jessie came to our Diocese in July last year, staying with Fr Mal Dunnett in Orange. Jessie met our Mothers’ Union and Ellison preached at Evensong in All Saints’ Cathedral. Then in November last year Fr Ellison was elected as the 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Ysabel.



**RETREAT:** The retreat centre at Sosoilo on Ysabel Island. Although the only running water was in the creek, the venue was a peaceful and idyllic setting for the purpose.



**MEMORANDUM:** Bishop Ian watches as the newly-consecrated Bishop Ellison signs the Memorandum of Understanding to formally establish the companion relationship between the Dioceses of Ysabel and Bathurst.

That’s how Liz and I came to be reading the Bible with Fr Ellison and Jessie in a leaf-hut at Sosoilo looked after by the Melanesian Brothers where the only running water was in the creek. But the food was lovely, the conversation deep, the laughter infectious and the fellowship so encouraging.

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# A companion Diocese (from page 2)

It was a couple of days before the Last Sunday in Epiphany and we spent time praying with the Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus and his healing of the boy with the evil spirit (Luke 9:28-45). "The glory of God is a person fully alive," wrote St Irenaeus in the 2nd Century. When Jesus was transfigured we read that his whole person shone and then he went down from the mountaintop of fellowship with God, to the valley of human need and suffering to heal a young man. This was Ellison's journey over those days as he was to made the leader of a diocese with severe financial challenges, remote and isolated villages, only basic training for priests, lack of resources and a great need for the wider church to share the journey with them.

Sunday 7th February in the Parish Church at Jejevo, during a service of singing, prayer, charismatic preaching by Bishop Sam Sahu (from Malaita), great ceremony, colour, length and joy, Ellison was consecrated and acclaimed as their new bishop.

Bishop Ellison's first official act, the following day, was to sign the Companion Diocese MOU with our Diocese. Yes, I noticed that he signed his name and then after I had signed +Ian he went back and put a + before his name!

Having Bathurst as their companion



**COLOUR:** Bishop Ian described the consecration as a 'great ceremony of colour, length and joy'.

diocese means a lot to the people of Ysabel. They feel the link, with me personally and with Fr Mal who took another team there last September and will be going with yet another group in September this year. And we all want to develop this link so we can grow together.

How can we walk together this year?

- ♦ Pray regularly for the Diocese of Ysabel; Bishop Ellison, the clergy and people. Find out about the Solomon Islands and main island of the Diocese: Santa Isabel.
- ♦ Our Diocese made a gift to Bishop Ellison of his Episcopal Ring. With the agreement of Archdeacon Frank Hetherington and Registrar Karen Trafford we had Bishop Arnold Wylde's ring resized and cleaned and presented as a gift from our Diocese. (Better than having it sitting in a box in our safe!)
- ♦ We took with us 30 NRSV Oxford Annotated Bibles with the Apocrypha. These are the first of 140 similar Bibles for all the Clergy and Ordinands in the Diocese.
- ♦ Fr Mal Dunnett is leading a group to Buala in September. Talk with him about going. His wife Rosie and my wife Liz are going again to work with women in the Diocese.
- ♦ Have you got some good theological books? Their theological College library needs 2,000 more books.
- ♦ Can you get your Rotary Club to work alongside Rotary in Orange to help raise money for a sanitation block in a High School on the island?
- ♦ Can you contribute to the new computer system needed for their Diocesan Office so they can get Internet access and improve communications?



**GIFT:** Mal Dunnett took 30 copies of the NRSV Bible, which he presented to some of the clergy of the Diocese of Ysabel. He plans to send a total of 140 copies, one for each of the priests and ordinands.

+ Ian Bathurst .

# Encouragement workshop

## ❑ St John's Wellington, Saturday March 12, 2016

**'We have a Gospel to proclaim, and we all have a part to play in proclaiming it!'**

These words might be familiar to those who remember Bishop Howell Witt (7th Bishop of Bathurst, 1981-89), who reminded the lay people of the diocese of this fact regularly.

Since the '80s we have introduced Licenced Lay Ministry, and many have felt called to serve in this way, but Bishop Witt's words are still true: all baptised people are called to service in God's church.

As a gift from the Cursillo Movement in this diocese, a small team will present an encouragement workshop in Wellington next month.

The day is designed to encourage all members of the church to understand that God has not only called each of us to eternal life, but God also calls each of us to play our part as members of the church (the Body of Christ) so that the whole body can function as God intends it to.

Presentations by four speakers will be an important part of the program, but obviously the total experience of the lay people taking part will be the most

valuable resource of the day and the timetable allows plenty of opportunity to share these experiences.

The day is open to all lay people, whether or not they are actively involved in any form of service or ministry currently. The cost will be \$25 per person (including morning tea, lunch and resources) payable on the day.

Application forms have been distributed to parishes and Licenced Lay Ministers

### Crèche:

We have arranged for a crèche/child-care facility at St John's church for the day of the workshop – there will be no additional charge for this service.

### Speakers:

As well as **Bishop Ian Palmer**, who will speak on the topic of Who are we? (Our Identity in the Kingdom), the day will feature three lay speakers with long experience of service as lay members of the church.

**Sylvia Hitchick** has served in youth ministry, SRE teaching, training SRE teachers, numerous Cursillo teams, the Alpha Course, the Marriage Course and

## Encourage



leadership of various small groups. Her topic will be What is Lay Ministry? (Our calling as God's people).

**Natalie Quince** serves as Voluntary Manager of Anglicare's Sustainable Living Hub in Parkes, coordinating the provision of a range of services to people in need. Her topic for the day will be What lay Ministry (Our individual equipping and gifts).

**Lew Hitchick** has produced the Diocesan Newsletter, Anglican News, for the past 13 years, and has also served on a number of Cursillo teams, hosted Alpha and Marriage courses and served on parish and diocesan councils. His topic will be Now what? (Our commission as God's people).

## Opinion:

# Is there any other way?

## ❑ Children in detention to stop drowning at sea

### By Canon John Clarkson

Dean Catt of the Anglican Cathedral in Brisbane, along with leaders of about ten other churches, is defying the Federal Government's policy of maintaining detention at Nauru and Manus Island for 'boat people' who without a visa have attempted to enter our country. This includes children. They have languished there for some 400 days without their claims being processed. The effect upon the children has been grievous and various groups, including 40 GPs treating sick children on the mainland, are protesting against the return of these children back to where they became ill. Why? Because the Government believes that any weakening of detention brutality will bring about a resumption of the People Smuggler trade and further drownings.

Dean Catt and many others in our Australian community do not believe it is morally right to hurt children in order

to stop drowning at sea. He and others are offering protection at their church. It is not legal and will likely mean that charges will be laid for obstructing the police. Our Constitution allows for freedom of Religion but not as far this; while such Sanctuary was common in Britain in the Middle Ages it has never been legal in Australia. Mostly the Church obeys the secular law but if secular law breaks God's Law then disobedience is called for. Christians need go no further than "love your neighbour as yourself". What do you think?

The challenge for us is to help Indonesia meet the needs of hundreds of asylum seekers languishing there without status or work who will try a boat out of desperation. As one boat person said, "If you die on a boat you die free." We need to triple our humanitarian annual intake to make it more possible to safely bring asylum seekers from Indonesia and

maybe work on some regional solution. Our border protection policy is stopping the boats and the drowning - at least that is what we are told though the matter is shrouded in secrecy. Surely such success is not diminished by whether we keep people in detention. There is no logical reason but a lack of political will to close the detention centres down and bring them all to Australia. This would also save \$459 a day for each asylum seeker.

A number of centres are having gatherings to show concern. Bathurst had one recently, and Palm Sunday with an ecumenical procession of peace and reconciliation would be a potent gesture

I do not believe Christians can be complacent about this. Tim Winton in a recent speech said, "Something foul is festering in the heart of our community, something shameful and rotten."

Surely we can do better than this. Can Christians rise to the occasion?



# MU 'keeping on track'

## ❑ Bathurst to host State Conference of MU

Rydges Hotel on Mount Panorama, will be the venue for the annual State Conference of MU from Friday, 15th to Sunday, 17th April.

The theme of the conference will be *Keeping on Track*, relevant to the region for a number of reasons.

The Central West of NSW boasts many 'tracks' – some sealed, some rough gravel and, as you go further West, many LONG straight ones on great sweeping flat plains!

There are many challenges faced by those living and working in the region – distances to travel, stark environments, dealing with health issues, weather extremes (cold to very hot), isolation of communities and many more.

Bathurst is a world famous venue for racing cars and as we meet in Rydges, which overlooks the famous track, it is appropriate that we, as MU, share and discuss together how we fulfil our Purpose and Aim in this

huge land area that is the Diocese of Bathurst!

The Company of the Good Shepherd will be highlighted to show how we minister in the vast geographic majority of our Diocese. Succession planning for farmers and small businesses in rural areas is a real issue and health in the West is an area of concern especially with the lack of professional help readily accessible.

Our evening Dinners will be a time of fun and relaxation!

Our Conference Prayer is very apt for our time together – *Show me yourself, the truth that we must walk in: and be in me the Life that lifts us up to God, our journey's end.*

The cost of the conference is \$250.00. For application forms or further information, please contact:

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## Archbishop's term extended

By Russell Powell

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney has voted overwhelmingly to extend the term of Archbishop Glenn Davies until 2020.

Without the vote, Dr Davies would have been due to retire on attaining the age of 68 years on 26 September 2018.

Dr Robert Tong moved a motion in Standing Committee on Monday, 15th February, 2016 that the Archbishop's term be extended for another two years.

Dr Davies was elected in August, 2013.

Dr Tong told Standing Committee that the Archbishop has shown leadership in three key areas.

"Clearly by his preaching and modelling servant leadership, he has demonstrated spiritual leadership" he said.

Dr Tong also cited the Archbishop's leadership in Anglican organisations within and outside of the Diocese and his leadership in the 'public square'.

"He is across the issues, he makes a contribution and offers leadership from his own experience and learning" Dr Tong said.

The motion passed overwhelmingly.



**ARCHBISHOP  
Glenn Davies.**

## Bathurst Anglican awarded OAM

### ❑ Former educator named in Australia Day Honours

Bill Harrison, 79, has served on several diocesan and Cathedral parish committees over many years, and has also been a Licenced Lay Minister at the cathedral. He is widely known in the Bathurst community for his voluntary service to the Bathurst Eisteddfod Society, National Trust, Bathurst Plains Probus Club and the University of the Third Age.

"I was deeply honoured, but genuinely embarrassed ... there are many people in the community that have done things better than me," Bill Harrison told the *Western Advocate*.

Arriving in Bathurst in 1960 as a teacher, Bill Harrison subsequently was appointed principal of Eglinton then Kelso public schools. He went on to become cluster director, inspector and consultant within the education sector.

In his retirement he has also served as a pastoral carer at Macquarie Care Centre in Bathurst for the last 22 years.

### Big Bogan

Meanwhile in Nyngan, Anglican priest Graham McLeod was named Bogan Shire's Citizen of the Year on Australia Day.

The award was based on his contribution to the community over many years, and particularly for his enthusiasm in helping create Nyngan's 'Big Bogan' last year.

"I have a passion for this town of Nyngan and the Bogan Shire and an outcome of that passion is the erection of the Big Bogan," Graham McLeod told the *Nyngan Observer*.

He said the structure, in a park on Nyngan's main street, has proved to be quite a drawcard for the town, with people driving considerable distances just to take photos.

# Bishop's Convention 2016

## ❑ Making disciples who make disciples

Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn Diocese Stuart Robinson has invited Mike and Sally Breen from the UK/US to speak at the 2016 Bishop's Convention.

The Convention will be held in Goulburn's Veolia Arena – a state of the art, multi-function, climate controlled facility for up 1,000 - on Saturday May 7, 2016, with the annual Barlow Lecture on the Friday evening (May 6).

Mike Breen led a church re-plant in the inner London suburb of Brixton in the late 1980s, where he pioneered the concept of missional communities.

From 1994 to 2004 he served as Senior Rector of St Thomas' Sheffield, England. Under his leadership St Thomas's grew to become the largest church in England in 2000.

Later that year he launched a team that began a church planting movement in Europe, planting more than 1400 churches in four years.

Bishop Stuart has said he would be very pleased to welcome lay people from Bathurst Diocese to the event.

"This will be our signature training event for lay members of our churches in 2016," he stressed. "Please invite parish councils – and whole congregations to this world class event."

The Koorong organisation (owned now by the Bible Society) will run a full conference bookshop during the Convention.

Childcare will be provided.

"Do please start planning to attend now – and we'd be thrilled if you used social media to get the word out – today!" he added.

Prices for the conference are:

\$75 adult

\$65 consession / students

\$65 early bird until 18th March.

To register online visit the [www.try-booking.com/JPPU](http://www.try-booking.com/JPPU) (booking fee applies)

## Mike and Sally Breen

When you listen to Mike and Sally Breen speak, you are caught up in the incredible passion they both share for the church, its mission, and the discipling of its people.

Mike is a speaker, author, minister and entrepreneur, who has been one of the leading innovator in the discipling movement throughout Europe and the US for more than 25 years.

In addition to his calling as a church planter and pastor, Mike has authored



**TRAINERS:** Mike and Sally Breen have trained thousands of church leaders in developing a discipling culture in their churches.

over 20 books including the best selling, *Family on Mission* (3DM Publishing 2014), *Building a Discipling Culture* (3DM Publishing, 2011), *Covenant and Kingdom* (3DM, 2010), and the three-book *A Passionate Life* series (Cook Communications, 2005).

As a speaker, Mike Breen is in demand across the United States, Europe and Australasia. He speaks regularly in Colleges and Universities that include Azusa Pacific University, Wheaton University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Fuller Seminary, London Theological College, Durham University and Cambridge.

He is equally sought after in Mega Churches.

While Mike and Sally normally travel as a team, Sally is an innovator in her own right. Having spoken at most of the places that Mike has visited, she covers topics for women's and mixed groups around the world.

Her topics range from *The Integrated life*, *The Faithfulness of God*, *Children, Marriage, Dating*, *The Rhythm of Life*, *Health patterns*,

and *Family on Mission*.

Mike and Sally live in South Carolina, where they founded 3DM, a movement/organisation which has now spread to five continents, training thousands of leaders and churches in how to move to a discipling culture and missional mindset.

They have been married 34 years and are the proud parents of three adult children and two grandchildren.

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