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SCRIPTURE UNION MISSION in CARNARVON

The Anglican, Baptist/Church of Christ, and the Uniting Churches, sponsored a three day mission in Carnarvon. The mission was run by a team of 16 adults from Perth. Eight volunteers from Carnarvon hosted the team and assisted them with morning teas and lunches. Over the first two days there were more than 50 children. It was a fantastic roll up!

The mission was a great boost to the local participating churches and a wonderful opportunity to present the good news of Jesus to the young people and to make contact with their mums and dads as they came to drop off and collect their children. Some even stayed throughout the morning program simply to observe their children and the things they were being taught.



Praise be to the Lord for; *'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain' ~ Ps. 127:1*

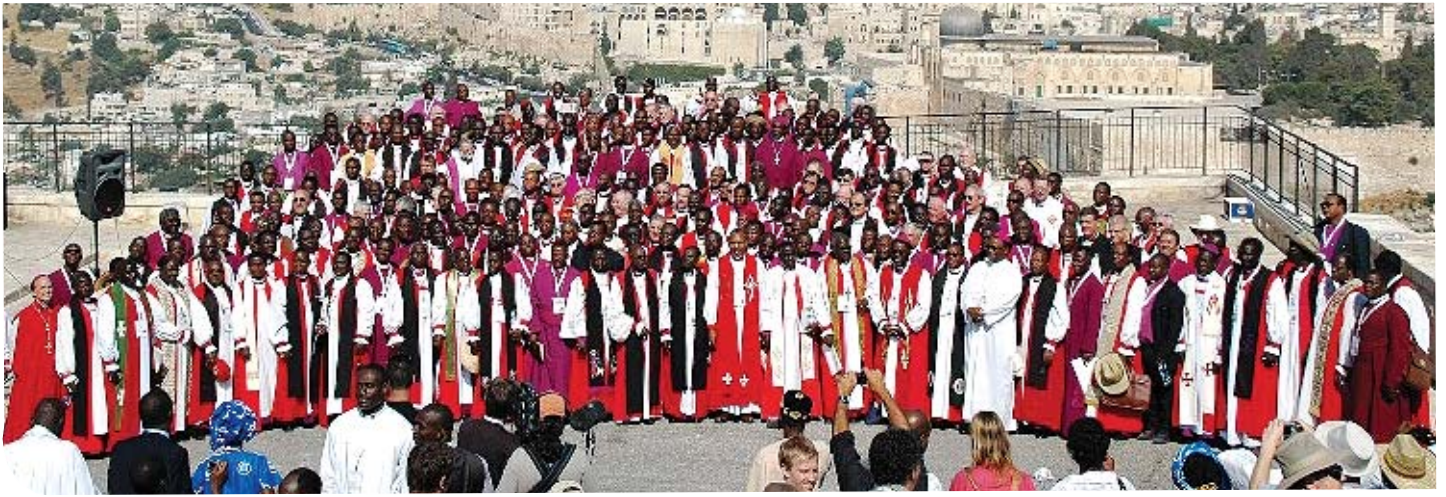


SEASIDE ROCK in BROOME

Praise God for the enthusiasm of youth! For the third year in a row we have enjoyed the blessing of the Reformed Churches of Perth's 'Target 21' team coming to Broome to help run our annual kids outreach - *Seaside Rock*. From Tuesday to Friday in the second week of the school holidays the team danced, sang, acted, ate, drank and crafted the Gospel of Jesus to nearly 50 kids from Broome. A number of kids responded positively to the gospel message and asked Jesus to be their friend forever! During the week the team also helped to run a teenage outreach with a movie, bonfire and BBQ evening on the beach. Eight teenagers attended and enjoyed the interaction with the team. On the final Saturday we spent



the morning at a nursing home and delighted residents with plays, songs, a talk and a BBQ lunch. This was a great experience for the team who received grateful thanks from the staff and residents. Finally, the team ran a 'Sunday@5' cafe church service in our beautiful church gardens which was attended by a number of regulars and visitors from interstate. 'Target 21' is a training program for up and coming leaders from the Reformed Churches and this year included 11 participants who raised all their own support to come and minister to us in Broome. The team went home exhausted but excited about the impact they'd had on Broome for the kingdom of God.



THE GLOBAL ANGLICAN FUTURE CONFERENCE (GAFCON)

JERUSALEM, JUNE 22-29, 2008

► *The Bishop in Jerusalem - A Brief Reflection*

What a truly amazing week. GAFCON was attended by 1148 participants, including 291 Bishops from 25 nations and representing over half of the world's Anglicans. Over half the participants were from Africa, including Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, DR Congo, South Africa, Rwanda and Tanzania. (Nigeria has 20 million Anglicans with 140 Bishops!)

There were 50 participants from Australia, including some from Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Armidale, Sydney and our

own Diocese. Our Diocese was represented by the Rev Lachlan & Bec Edwards (from Broome), Maureen and me.

There was a fascinating mix of Anglicans, with many Evangelicals and many from an Anglo-Catholic background, but all committed to the uniqueness of Jesus Christ for Salvation, and the Bible as the authoritative and unchanging Word of God. There was a unity which was uncommon at Anglican gatherings.

► *Take up your cross . . .*

It was great to have about 50 folk from America and Canada who have remained true to Biblical Christianity at great personal cost. Most of them have left the Episcopal Church of America and Canada and placed themselves under alternative Episcopal oversight. Many are being sued by their Bishops and deprived of their church buildings. Their previous Episcopal leaders are denying the uniqueness of Jesus and promoting the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination of practicing homosexuals. One whole Diocese has decided to leave the Episcopal Church and come under the leadership of the South American Archbishop. In Florida, 25 parishes have sought alternative Episcopal oversight.



► *An Extraordinary Week*

- **We had excellent** Bible talks and met in small discussion and prayer groups. We also had various Church Services with key-note addresses including two on "The Lordship of Christ".
- **Seminars** on the authority of Scripture, leadership, evangelism and church planting, Anglican identity in the 21st century, the family and marriage, culture, theological education and Bishops' wives.
- **We visited** several locations in Israel including Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, the Galilee area and the old city.
- **We prepared** a GAFCON statement for the wider Church and media, which was received unanimously with a standing ovation and sustained applause.

► *After GAFCON?*

The GAFCON Statement was sent to Lambeth for comment. Anglicans around the world will be invited to join the GAFCON movement which has been ratified so far by seven Primates. Our own Synod in October will be asked to adopt the GAFCON Statement. GAFCON was not a "moment" but the launching of a movement. We are staying within the Anglican Communion and will seek to bring it back to a Scriptural basis. Sadly, the Anglican Communion is in chaos because of ineffective leadership and an increasing move away from Orthodox Biblical truth. The GAFCON movement holds out a way forward for those who want to honour God, through obedience to His Word and the spreading of His Gospel.

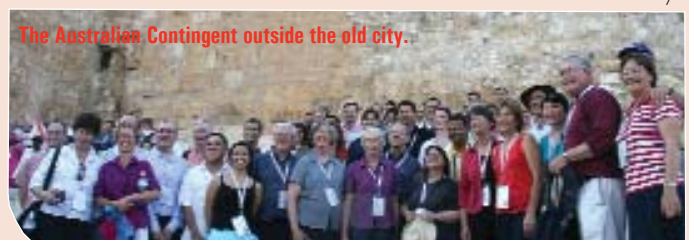
I encourage you to read the GAFCON material, especially the "GAFCON Statement" released June 29th. You can read and

possibly listen to the main talks via the internet by going to www.gafcon.org.

We very much appreciate the privilege of having been a part of it all and do thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,

David (and Maureen) Mulready



The Australian Contingent outside the old city.



A PARTICIPANTS VIEWPOINT OF GAFCON

It was a great privilege for Bec and me to be representatives for our Diocese at the first Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) held in Jerusalem.

GAFCON was convened to consider the future of the Anglican Church in light of the current crisis caused by the revisionist agendas among some Anglican leaders. This revisionist agenda has torn the fabric of our communion by departing from traditional Anglican foundations as expressed in the Thirty-nine Articles and the three Confessional Creeds. The most evident of which is the departing from the Bible as the unchangeable and ultimate source of authority for all things Christian and indeed for all of life. At GAFCON we reaffirmed our Biblical Anglican roots and sought, through prayer and consultation, to find a way forward for our beloved Church.

It was with great joy that we worshiped with men and women from every continent. This provided a colourful blend of cultures and ecclesiastical styles, celebrating diversity within the unity of our common confession of Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Saviour of His creation.

As Bec and I spoke with clergy from all around the world we heard stories of great persecution as dioceses have forcibly removed whole congregations from church properties because of their unwavering stance on the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way to have a relationship with God and for upholding Biblical morals and values. Despite this persecution the clergy that we met were still smiling because they know that the Gospel is what is most important. It is exciting that many of these outed congregations have experienced significant spiritual and numerical growth since being removed from their property.

Another great joy was hearing of the huge revival taking place in Africa at the moment. One young minister we spoke to has planted six churches in the last two years. The smallest of which is already 500 strong, and the largest around 2000. He asked us to pray for people to come to Uganda to train his church leaders and that he and his wife might be blessed with children.

It was with a standing ovation on the last day of the conference that the gathering received its final Statement which clearly outlines GAFCON as a movement which will endeavour to reform our Church back to its Biblical and Anglican roots. Can I encourage you as fellow Anglicans to read the statement which can be found at www.gafcon.org and then, with brothers and sisters from around the world, pray for our communion.

Rev. Lachlan Edwards



Reverend Marty Foord, Bishop David and Maureen Mulready, Reverend Lachlan and Bec Edwards, Reverend Kanishka Raffel



Reverend Lachlan Edwards and Reverend Edogbeji



IN THE BISHOP'S SHOES

Dear Readers,

Thank you for your interest and support regarding the Diocese. I'm writing this wearing my Vicar General's 'hat'. It's a very lightweight hat until the Bishop leaves the country, and then it becomes quite weighty. Yes, bishops do have a lot of responsibility and a heavy workload - and I barely know the half of it.

However, I have really enjoyed making contact with the excellent team of ministers and their families and some of the key lay people that we are blessed with in this Diocese.

It's been very interesting being involved in appointing people to a couple of different

positions, but this has also made me very aware of the responsibility of impacting people's lives with major changes and moves. I've certainly prayed many times that God's will be done in these matters.



Thank you to those who have been aware of my extra responsibilities and have prayed for me. Many thanks also to those who have shared the load especially Registrar Wayne Sutton and his assistant Nikki Alexander, associate and assistant ministers at the Cathedral, Paul Spackman and Gary Alexander, and to Matt Brain, the minister-in-charge at Kalbarri.

When Bishop David returned on 12th August I welcomed him back with open arms - well, a firm handshake anyway - and I will redouble my prayers for him - his job is a difficult one.

*Love in Christ,
Jeremy*

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Thirty nine years and still going strong! **Rev Bill Ross** is going to continue his ministry at the church in Port Hedland part-time. He will also be part-time honorary Chaplain at Port Hedland Mission to Seafarers

Rev Colin Jagger after working hard with Mission to Seafarers Geraldton for eight years will become Chaplain Emeritus.

Rev Phillip and Kathy Knife concluded their time as honorary WA regional officers for the Bush Church Aid Society and have accepted the appointment of honorary Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers in Geraldton.

Geoff and Marylynn Kyngdon have been appointed locum tenens at Exmouth Anglican Church from August to October 2008.

Rev Laurie and Sylvia Skilton will finish their time as locum tenens in the Parish of Northampton in September 2008. Rev Bob and Denise Rothwell will take their place from October 2008 to March 2009.

Rev Lachlan and Bec Edwards having enjoyed their time in Broome will be starting in Exmouth in February 2009.

The Diocese thanks those who have given their service so freely to the Lord in the North West and welcomes those who are new to the Diocese.

WHAT A BLESSING!

A recipient of the North West Network accepted the suggestion of 'North West Network 71' to put aside \$2 per week for the Outback Church Foundation (OCF). Fifty two weeks later they sent the collected donation of \$104.00 in support of OCF.

Such diligence and support contributes to our serving the Lord in the Diocese of North West Australia and is a great encouragement to us. We thank you for your support.



A VALUABLE INVESTMENT

You are invited to support the Lord's work in the Diocese of North West Australia by your prayers and gifts:

- I wish to pray. Please send me the Prayer Notes
- I wish to give to the Outback Church Foundation
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ADDITIONS TO THE DIOCESE



The Rev Matt & Corinne Malcolm serving in Dongara/Mingenew Parish and Tyler & Penny Swartzentruber, co-workers with the Malcolm's, have had additions to their families.

Lucy Grace Malcolm, born 8th July 2008 and Devery Ellen Swartzentruber born 30th May 2008. **Congratulations!**



WALK AND TALK



At St Marks Kalbarri we endeavour to have separate monthly mens' and womens' events for the purpose of getting to know one another more deeply and encouraging one another in following Jesus. The event is social with some gentle Christian input so that outsiders can be invited and still feel comfortable. This month the ladies had a 'Walk and Talk'. We met at Bob and Jenny Borschmann's house which overlooks the beautiful Murchison River mouth. We set out for a group walk down the coastal path and back either on the path or along the beach for the game! We returned to enjoy a delicious 'Devonshire' morning tea prepared by Jenny and Bob as well as the stunning view from their front veranda. We listened to a short reflection on discipleship using the analogy of 'a walk'. This was followed by a fruitful discussion time and interrupted by a phone call asking if I was going to pick my daughter up from Kindy.....we completely lost track of time and two of us had children waiting at school. So ended our lovely morning very abruptly!

Rachael Brain