

Mission and Ministry project: The other day at the ANZAC ceremony at Pottsville, I found myself sitting next to the State MLA and the Local Councillor and Deputy Mayor. We talked about the proposed LEP (Local Environment Plan) and how it will affect the church block of land. The proposal is that the LEP will allow commercial shops on the ground level and then two stories above that. After a bit more consultation by the council it is anticipated that the proposed LEP will be adopted by the end of the year. This gives us more time to

1. Analyse your submissions,
2. Continue to do a cost benefit analysis of the project,
3. Develop a brief for an Architect,
4. Ponder, discuss and pray through what we want.

After my return from holiday the Mission and Ministry Project team will call a meeting to bring you up to date.

Rev'd John Bell, Iona Community: There are two exciting events coming up. I hope and pray that our parish will be able to have a good contingent at them.

GLOBAL SONG and LITURGY, an evening of singing, learning songs for worship and discovering liturgy and culture from across the world with John Bell. Thursday 16 May 6:30 – 9 pm St. John's Cathedral Brisbane. Free. All attendees will learn music to sing in their parishes at Pentecost.

Is There A FUTURE IN TRADITION? Conference featuring Rev'd John Bell. Saturday 18 May, 9am – 2pm at Robina Anglican Church. \$20. Register at www.robinaanglican.com/tradition

Love and Prayers

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Second Sunday of Easter



Parish Mission Statement:

"We are followers of Jesus Christ, committed to growing the kingdom of God and creating a loving inclusive community."

You Are Welcome

We extend to you a special welcome to the "Anglican Parish of Kingscliff".

We offer a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rake or could afford to lose a few kilos. You're welcome if you are sad or celebrating, feeling confused and overwhelmed, high on life or just need to sit a while.

We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woke up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Pope or a leader of the Anglican Church, or haven't been to church since little Jack's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60, but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like 'organised religion'. We've been there too!

Greg's Chat

28 April 2019

Sabbath Time: When I was being "interviewed" as a part of the discernment process for the selection of a priest for the parish, I told the Bishop and the presentation board that I had a holiday planned for 3 weeks in May 2019. I also told them that at this end of life I intend to "transition to retirement", take more time off, work smarter, AND be totally committed to the growth of the parish. The rest is history.

I'm loving it and will look forward to returning on the 26 May.

Its been a big week: After much agonizing and prayer I resigned from my other position at The Centre For Practical Spirituality. Although the mission is exciting, it has been doing my head in having two positions which I consider strategic. Additionally, that parish is going to commence a building project and they need the cash flow so my position was never going to be a long term one. Personally, having made the decision, I feel at peace about my call and the direction of life. "The Best Is Yet To Come". Life is good!

The **sermon / story for the 28th April** can be found in the Resources section of the website for Dr. Mark D Baker, professor of Mission and Theology at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary <https://profmarkbaker.com/> The story is called Aunt Lizzies Wedding. I wonder if you will take the scriptures, stories and ideas to prayer and discussion? Mark Baker is a person who wants to communicate the grace of God in ways that speak to the cultures that we live in. I can say Amen to that. As you listen and read the story ponder these questions

What surprises you?

Which character do you identify with?

Which character don't you like?

Its here that you will find rich work for your soul.

Which character speaks to you of Grace?

Spend time with each character and even dialogue with them in a journal. AFTER silence and prayer have a chat to a wise person or group about the issue then return to silence

Ponder "where is my growing edge?" ... This is probably at the point of internal resistance within yourself.