



The Ad Clerum – November 2017

Greetings everyone,

I'm writing this on Tuesday 31st – the 500th anniversary of Luther's nailing his thesis on the door of Wittenberg Church – the date that is popularly considered to be the start of the Reformation. But the seeds of dissatisfaction in the excesses of the Roman Catholic Church can be found years earlier. John Wycliffe (in England) challenged the whole practice of indulgences and affirmed the primacy of scripture over tradition – a similar battle that we face today between scripture and reason? I have found it fascinating, over the past weeks (beginning during my Sabbatical) to be exploring – and reflecting upon – the Reformation in relation to where we find ourselves today. As a Diocese we stand within the Reform tradition as it found expression in England which, of course, was formed through Henry VIII's frustration at Rome's refusal to grant an annulment of his marriage to Katherine of Aragon. Although he declared himself supreme governor of the Church, he never wanted to leave the Catholic Church – he wanted an English Catholic Church rather than a Roman one! It wasn't until Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Rome that the Church became fully independent.

We are only one of five major Protestant movements that developed during the Protestant reformation. One was the movement that followed Luther and stressed '*sola fide*' (by faith alone) and '*sola scriptura*' (scripture alone) - the Lutherans (our spiritual cousins) produced the first Protestant confession of faith, pioneered congregational singing, affirmed two (rather than seven) sacraments, practiced infant baptism and taught 'consubstantiation' rather than the Catholic practice of 'transubstantiation'. Another movement was founded in the reforms of John Calvin – which birthed the Dutch Reform and the Presbyterians etc. A third was the Anabaptist movement - which birthed the Brethren, the Quakers and the Baptists. (They were the radicals of the Reformation wanting to strike deeply at the roots of the old order). A fourth was that of the nonconformist – the Puritans and others like them. Then there were the Anglicans – the English Church – that found its expression during the reign of Elizabeth and was based upon the 39 articles of Cranmer and upon the Book of Common Prayer.

Our doctrines and our practices come out of the English Reformation and mark us as a Church that has one foot in the sacramental tradition of our catholic heritage and the other in the '*sola fide*' and '*sola scriptura*' of Luther and Cranmer (and Wycliffe – 130 years earlier). It is really interesting to note that the English Church didn't want to leave (they certainly wanted to reform the Church) - they were excommunicated. And also important for us to remember that hundreds of thousands lost their lives during this struggle to reform the Church – Protestants in Europe were burned at the stake and Catholics in England were hanged or beheaded. Makes me think as we consider the bitter division that faces the church today! During this week's celebrations, my close friend the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, is in Wittenberg with his close friend the Catholic Bishop of Derry and Raphoe!

I sincerely appreciated the clergy gathering a couple of weeks ago to reflect on the controversial (to some) motion 29. There is almost unanimous acceptance of our biblical stance here in this Diocese that affirms the traditional view of holiness and marriage. But there are major differences when reflecting on how we respond (relate) to those who hold diametrically opposing views. Maybe the Reformation can still teach us something??

The Spring Camp was a great occasion. I was humbled by those clergy who gave up the whole of this long weekend to be there with their young people. This certainly reflected a passion for the vision of building a new generation of leaders. It was a privilege to be able to take the Dean of Sydney Cathedral (Kanishka Raffel) out there for the Saturday morning.

I then headed back into town in the afternoon to greet the descendants of the 3rd Bishop of Nelson (Bishop Mules) who had gathered from all over New Zealand (and beyond) to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Bishop Mule's arrival in New Zealand. He was invited by his friend (Bishop Suter) to come and take the parish of Brightwater which he did – spending over 20 years as the Vicar, before being appointed Archdeacon of Waimea and then (upon Suter's retirement) the Bishop of Nelson. Bishop Mules was a quiet man who didn't have the profile that Suter had – but he got so much done. He was passionate about Bishopdale College; he trained and ordained Frederick Bennett, the first Bishop of Aotearoa and officiated at his wedding; was one of those who founded NZCMS – and acted as its first President (a role I carry today). It was a moving afternoon.

We remember the parishes of Awatere and Kaikoura as we approach the first anniversary of their devastating earthquake this month. Particularly we pray for the road to be opened through to Kaikoura from the north. We keenly feel the separation from us. And we also give thanks to God for Kevin and Sandy Topp with the announcement of Kevin's retirement from ministry in Kaikoura from the end of November. These two are the epitome of a servant ministry.

On the 1st of December at 7pm, we will be hosting an ordination service at the Cathedral for Luke Shaw who will be ordained Priest and Henk Lups (from Mapua – and also Mission to Seafarers, and Port Chaplain) who will be ordained Deacon. This is a Diocesan occasion and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together.

Our love and prayers go out to Sepi and Pate (Sepiuta Hala'api'api and Patemosi Buekilagi) who return to Fiji earlier than expected because of the call placed on Sepi to become the Diocesan Secretary. They will always be a valued part of this Diocese and we are so grateful to Archbishop Winston Halapua for sending them to us here at BTC.

Advent is approaching – the celebration of the coming of our Lord. It should be a season of excitement and anticipation of the One who lives and who will return. Let's make sure our spiritual lamps are full and the wicks prepared!!

With every blessing
+Richard

The following for your information and parish newsletters

NOTICES

(refer to 'Ministry Education' for details of training events coming up)

Ordination Service: Friday 1 December 2017 – +Richard is pleased to announce the forthcoming ordination of Luke Shaw as Priest and Henk Lups as Deacon, which will take place on Friday 1 December at 7pm Nelson Cathedral.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON In your prayers, please remember the mother church of this great diocese as we begin a sermon series looking to the cathedral's medium term future. Our aim is 'to grow the cathedral to be lively, functional and God-honouring'. We pray that our vision is shared and signposts a clear sense of direction, and indeed stimulates growth in these important areas as we join together on our faith journey."

28-10-17 Growing in liveliness and celebration of flowers. (MJH)

5-11 Growing in functionality and a celebration of All Saints. (SPJ)

12-11 Honouring God, and marking Armistice Day. (MJH)

19-11 Summary and way forward. (MJH)

There will be discussion groups in the days following each theme....details from Revd Steve Jordon - steve@nelsoncathedral.org

Convergence 2018 - Mark this date in your diaries and plan on being there!

Convergence 2018, 16-18 February 2018. Bethany Camp, Kaiteriteri.

Hope Project NZ - 'Reaching every home in Aotearoa, NZ'. For more about the Hope Project go www.AllTogether.co.nz/equiptour

2018 Synod Charge: Link to Bishop Richard's Synod Charge: <https://vimeo.com/238683544>

Nelson Hospital Chaplaincy is going to be holding Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistant training in the New Year and we are having our introduction evening on Wednesday, 15 November at 7pm in the Chapel, Level 2 at Nelson Hospital. We warmly invite any members of your church who feel God is calling them into this ministry to come along.

If anyone is interested could they please email Rev Yvonne McLean or Annie Brown prior to the evening so we have an idea of numbers. Email addresses are Yvonne.mclean@nmdhb.govt.nz or annie.brown@nmdhb.govt.nz

Anglican Missions Spring Appeal

In September we launched our Spring Appeal for 2017 supporting 3 projects:

- The Diocesan Boys Hostel in Pakistan;
 - NZCMS Mission Partner, Margaret Poynton in Papua New Guinea as Executive Assistant to the Archbishop; and
- NZCMS Mission Partner, Miriam Tillman working in Togo, Africa at the Hospital of Hope leading the pharmacy department.

THANK YOU to all who have sent donations for these projects so far. Donations can still be made for this Appeal and a reminder to parishes to forward their contributions to Anglican Missions by December 4th please. Many thanks. Any queries contact Linda at info@angmissions.org.nz or phone (04) 473 5172



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PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
& TOGO, WEST AFRICA
WWW.ANGMISSIONS.ORG.NZ

MINISTRY EDUCATION

➤ **WILLOWCREEK GLS 2017**

This year we are going to try something different and run this ourselves in each region.

- Marlborough (Nativity Anglican Church) – **Friday Nov 17** 7-9pm and **Saturday Nov 18** 9-4pm
- Nelson/Waimea (All Saints Anglican Church) **Friday Nov 17** 7-9pm and **Saturday Nov 18** 9-4pm

Please take this opportunity to bring a team of people from your church because that will enhance the learning and team-building. Attached is the flyer - this is not restricted to Anglicans so please send to other churches in your region.

To register go to (cost \$40pp) <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/gls>

For more GLS information go to <http://willowcreek.org.nz/gls-2017/>

- Short promo video <http://willowcreek.org.nz/gls/gls-2017-public-event-details/>
- Here is the 3 minute highlights video. <https://app.frame.io/f/IeaeMNhm>

Please note that Nelson Anglican is hosting the GLS as a "private view" so registration is only via BTC website.

➤ **EQUIP - Mawhera Deanery**

November 4 – *Handling the Bible*: 9:30-3pm

Held at Holy Trinity Greymouth. There will be a lunch break, so you can bring your own lunch, or pop out to get something. Anyone is welcome to attend – if you are able to do so, please RSVP to kate@bishopdale.ac.nz so we have approximate ideas of numbers; but you are welcome to show up. There is no charge.

➤ **POST ORDINATION MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT (POMD):**

Community of Practice (replaces or sits alongside regional deanery meetings).

| | Mawhera | Nelson | Waimea | Marlborough | |
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| Pattern | 1st Fri | 1st Thr (Grp 2) | 1st Thr | 3rd Thr | |
| November | | 23 (8) | | 16 | |

➤ **POMD - NOV 10 (FRIDAY) with Bp Richard: Te Reo in worship and Marae: Havelock Anglican Church.**

- Arrive 9.30am – coffee
- Begin 10.00am -Topic 1
- Lunch 12.30
- Begin 1.30 – Topic 2
- Finish 4pm

➤ **CPE 2018**

The dates for CPE in 2018 are:

- February 7,8,9 February 22,23
- March 8,9 March 22,23
- April 12,13 April 26,27
- May 10,11 May 24,25
- June 7,8

Through Laidlaw College/BTC, CPE can be included in the degree as 30 credits at level 6 and 15 credits at level 7 run concurrently, or as a "Certificate of Proficiency". A funding subsidy for CPE is available through the Ministry Education Coordinator. CPE consists of 400hrs training over 18 weeks, including: 15hr pastoral ministry/week, 2 days group work per fortnight, and 5hr reading/writing/reflection per week.

➤ **INTERNATIONAL RURAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

IRCA will hold its four yearly conference titled “**Growing Together**” at Lincoln University in April 15-20 2018, and hopes to have people attending from all parts of the world. The event aims to inspire, encourage and equip rural church leaders from across the globe as they explore the challenges and opportunities facing rural mission and ministry. With a learning community approach at its core, lay and ordained groups from countries and regions will consider together the ‘What is?’, ‘What could be?’ and ‘What will be?’ for their rural church context, inspired by stories and worship from different countries and traditions, and fed by key notes on reconciling communities and collaborative ministry.

Speakers at the conference include: Dr Rosemary Dewerse, who is Dunedin based and the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership Thornton Blair Research Fellow; Rev’d Jenny Dawson, an Anglican priest living just north of Wellington and a spiritual director, supervisor and consultant; and Jerry Marshall who is Chair of IRCA and CEO of Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre, the 1 UK churches’ rural resource unit. As well as the main conference there will be a young adult (16-25yrs) stream.

Conference fees up to 30 September 2017 are NZ \$1,300 including single room accommodation, meals, outings and transfer from Christchurch airport if required. (Excluding accommodation but with all meals including breakfast: NZ \$775). Full price \$1,500 or \$950 (some funding will be available from ministry education).

Subsidy: Depending on numbers I am hoping to provide at least a 50% subsidy

You can check out the programme and book at <https://irca.online/conferences/2018-conference/>

➤ **MINISTRY INTERNSHIP SCHEME**

If you are interested in this for 2018 now is a good time to begin a conversation with myself, your vestry and any possible intern. Please remember that an intern is a training position, so the intern needs to be working under someone with experience. We now have the exciting development of offering a 1yr fulltime certificate and diploma which majors on internship (20hrs per week) which would be ideal for any young person wanting to do a gap year programme or gain experience in Christian ministry. Our two internship options are:

- a. *Fulltime Level 4 Certificate of Christian studies (Internship); Level 5 Diploma of Christian Studies (Leadership).*
- b. *Fulltime BTC (4 papers/semester) and 10hrs ministry per week.*

RESOURCES

NEW Resources now available. If you know of any good small group resources, please let me know so we can update our supply. **EQUIP** DVDs are also available at Holy Trinity, Greymouth and St Christopher’s, Blenheim for loan. **Please let your small group leaders know about these resources by passing this list on.**

| NAME | TYPE | LOCATION |
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| Willowcreek GLS 2016 | DVD | Anglican Centre |
| New Alpha Film Series | Memory stick | Anglican Centre |
| Small Groups with purpose: How to create Healthy Communities | Book by Steve Gladen | Anglican Centre |
| Good Questions have small groups talking | Book by Josh Hunt | Anglican Centre |
| Amazing Grace | DVD | Anglican Centre |
| Silence | DVD (R16) | Anglican Centre |
| The Case for Christ (Movie) | DVD | Anglican Centre |
| Hacksaw Ridge | DVD (R15) | Anglican Centre |
| Empower: Studies in the power of social and livelihood development Restoring Hope: Responding to natural disasters and conflict No Longer Slaves: Biblical studies on trafficking and human exploitation. Good Lives Project: An experiment in faith Ethical Fashion guide | Tearfund studies Booklets and resources links on BTC and Dio websites. | Anglican Centre |

Online: via BTC/ Diocesan websites "Resources" sections: BTC has now established a platform to make video presentations available at www.bishopdale.ac.nz/media including the Rob Harley **Storytelling and Communication Master Class**.

Free Online Resources: Free Lectionary/Theme based resources and for all ages.
<http://connectible.nz/> <http://localsharedministry.com/>

Book Summary sites: The Leaders Book Summaries www.studyleadership.com
Books at a Glance <http://www.booksataglance.com> Let me know if you are interested in joining these

God Bless, Graham ministryed@bishopdale.ac.nz

BTC

Summer Semester 2017-2018

All enrolments close 20 November 2017

Greek and Hebrew Intensive language classes run 27 November – 8 December 2017.

Semester One

Enrolment / Course selection earlybird deadline for domestic students: 8 December 2017
Enrolment / Course selection final deadline for international students: 18 December 2017
Enrolment / Course selection final deadline for domestic students: 2 February 2018
Bishopdale Orientation week + Beginning Theology Intensive: 12 – 16 February
Semester One: 19 February – 22 June
Easter Weekend: 30 March – 3 April
Intensive week: 19 – 23 March (language intensives continue until 30 March)
Break weeks: 16 – 29 April
Study week and exams: 4 June – 22 June

Semester Two

Enrolment / Course selection earlybird deadline for domestic students: 1 June
Enrolment / Course selection final deadline for domestic students: 29 June
Orientation week: 10 – 14 July
Semester Two: 16 July – 16 November
Break weeks: 1 October – 14 October
Intensives week: 20 – 24 August
Labour Weekend: 20 – 22 October
Study week and exams: 29 October – 16 November

Summer Semester 2018-2019

Earlybird deadline 19 October 2018
All enrolments close 19 November 2018
Intensives run 26 November – 7 December

For more information contact Kate Dugdale: Kate@bishopdale.ac.nz
Ph: 03 548 8785

SOCIAL SERVICES & ELDER CARE MINISTRIES

Dear everyone

- Planning is progressing enthusiastically for the biennial Anglican Care conference to be held in Nelson on May 16 and 17 2018. Watch this space for more information as this will be an event you don't want to miss next year. Diary the dates now.
- As the year draws out towards Christmas, co-ordinators of outreach ministries are looking to planning their end of year events. A gentle reminder of this opportunity to say 'Thanks' to all of your staff and volunteers who faithfully serve in their part time and/or voluntary roles providing care and activities for our seniors and vulnerable families. Just as they work to honour those who attend the activities parishes provide, this is a chance to honour those who that work.

- A video conference is planned for 7th November to begin a discussion of matters of concern in the Social Justice space. It is not too late if you are interested in joining – please get in touch if that is you.
- You are warmly invited to get in touch to discuss any issues in relation to Anglican Care funding for projects or initiatives in 2018

Blessings

Gerrie Mead, Social Services and Eldercare Ministries Enabler

BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

New Books in the Bishop Sutton Library

Peter Hitchens. The Rage against God : how atheism led me to faith. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Zondervan, c2010.

Peter Hitchens is the brother of the late, proselytising, atheist activist Christopher Hitchens. In this engaging book, Peter describes his journey from unbelief to belief. In part, his return to faith was inspired by experiences in Eastern Europe where he worked as a correspondent. He discusses "reasons why an honest assessment of atheism cannot sustain disbelief in God".

Joshua Ryan Butler. The pursuing God : a reckless, irrational obsessed love that's dying to bring us home. Nashville, Tennessee : W Publishing Group, c2016.

Has God gone missing? Do we need to search for God? The inverse could be true. Jesus reveals a God who searches for us. Perhaps the real question is not, "Can we find God?" but "Can we be found by God?"

New Book for Ministry Training

Mark Clark. The problem of God : answering a skeptic's challenges to Christianity. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Zondervan, c2017.

John Pritchard. God lost and found. London : SPCK, c2011.

Quote for the day: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you" – Augustine

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VACANCIES IN OUR DIOCESE

St Stephens, Tahunanui:

Children & Families Worker – St Stephens Community Church

We are seeking someone to join our leadership team to oversee the delivery and development of a dynamic and growing Children and Families ministry. The key areas of engagement will be: *Discipling Children, Building teams and Connecting with families*. We will be looking for someone with a passion for children's ministry, good leadership skills, creativity and administration ability. This is a paid role of 20 hours per week. For more information or to apply please go to our listing on Vocate (link below).

<http://vocate.nz/job/st-stephens-community-church-59-children-and-families-worker/>

Worship Intern – St Stephens Community Church

We are seeking someone to join our worship team as a worship intern. We're looking for someone who loves Jesus, with a heart for worship, good leadership skills, creativity and the ability to work in a team. You will need to have some experience in leading worship and have the ability to sing and play a musical instrument. The key areas of engagement will be: *Sunday Worship, Theological Study and Leadership Development*. This is a full time role, which includes a fully funded Diploma in Christian Studies (leadership track) and 20 hours of paid practical ministry work. For more information or to apply please go to our listing on Vocate (link below).

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VACANCIES

Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board

Ecumenical Chaplain Based at Otago Polytechnic

The Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board (OTCTB) is an ecumenical Christian Board responsible for providing Chaplaincy at Otago Polytechnic and at the University of Otago.

We are seeking to appoint a full-time Ecumenical Chaplain based primarily at Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin. For further information about the position and a job description go to the Board website: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain/about/chaplaincytrustboard.html> or the Chaplains' web site: www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain Closing Date: 10 November 2017. If you would like to discuss this position with the Board Chair, Professor Paul Trebilco, please email: paul.trebilco@otago.ac.nz or call Paul on (03) 479 8798.



Transformed Life

Steve and Watiri Maina will be leading us to explore the transforming love of Christ in our lives and how we can share our experience with others. Steve leads the New Zealand Church Mission Society. He is an ordained Anglican minister and a gifted public speaker. Steve and his wife Watiri, a counsellor, supervisor and counselling educator, are both passionate about advocating God's mission. They will be sharing their insights in three ministry sessions. There will be times of corporate worship and prayer ministry in all the sessions as well.

Children and Youth Programme

During the main meetings there is a crèche for under 5's, two fun activity based children's programmes for years 1-4 and years 5-8 and a full youth programme for years 9-13.

Where is Camp?

Set in a mixture of surrounding forest and native bush, Bethany Park Camp is positioned off the beaten track nestled into the surrounding hillside, up a beautiful walk along the inlet to the golden sands of Kaiteriteri Beach.

Registration and info: convergencecamp@xtra.co.nz
Registrations Close on Monday 12 February 2018

E4: A Summer Camp to Encourage, Energize, and Equip people to Enlarge the Kingdom of God - 18th to 21st January 2018

E4 Summer Camp is not a conference; it is a **family holiday** with worship, teaching, and ministry, held in Hanmer. Afternoons are kept free. We have made E4 as **affordable** as possible to attend. You pay us only for the event itself. We have reserved accommodation in Hanmer at the adjacent [The Pines Holiday Park](#) on 0800 404046 and Alpine Adventure Holiday Park on 0800 568 563 Contact them directly.

The theme for 2018: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD. Our vision for E4 Summer Camp is for all generations of the church to be equipped and ready for what God is doing on earth. This theme will be established with an in-depth study of Isaiah 40. **Irresistible pricing:** Adults \$90; Full-time Tertiary Students \$50; Youth (in High School 2018) \$30; Children \$20; Family Max \$220 (Two parents and all your own school age children); Day Pass \$20. Book online now to secure your place. **Online booking through Eventbrite is open now.**

Website: www.e4summercamp.com **Contact us:** at e4summercamp@gmail.com or **Phone** 027 5600599

Facebook page : E4 Summer camp **Any questions** please email directors Revd Russell and Anna Pickersgill-Brown revrapb@gmail.com

SEE YOU THERE!!!