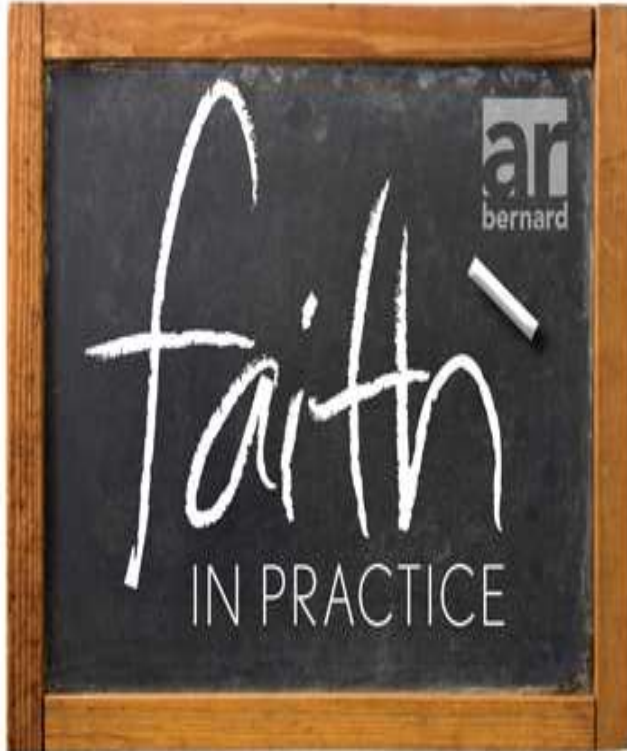


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It was really exciting to see one of the grooms come along and actively attend the recent Christianity Explored course and explore all the questions of faith, that "reconnecting with the Christian faith" as he put it, has raised.

To experience great questions about faith, to have their trust and an opening into their lives to be accessible and available on their journey of love and marriage, to see them at Church, to talk about baptism. Countless opportunities abound to express faith in practise. I encourage you to please pray for the opportunities and for godly wisdom in how I respond to each couple that God brings.

That is my story of "faith in practise". What is yours? This edition of Church Life we will hear about many that I hope and pray will inspire all of us.

With every blessing,

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### Faith in action?? What does this mean?

Jo is seemingly an unstoppable force, serving Jesus just about everywhere in our Church yet still finds time to serve at youth group! Craig is amazingly keen to learn about and serve God, working hard throughout the week and the first thing he does at the end of that long week is to serve at youth group! Leisha spends her week teaching high schoolers, at the end of that week filled with high schoolers she gets home only to go share Jesus with more high schoolers!

Point is, they are busy and often very busy but with great joy and enthusiasm and often at times when they are very tired they come, they serve, they set our young people an amazing example and they do so without complaining.

Faith in action often means counting the cost and Christian service is often a great sacrifice. What you will see as you read on is that it is also a great source of joy.

*I asked the three of them why they serve and what encourages them at Pulse.*

#### **Jo Bailey - Septuagenarian.**

I have great respect for the youth of today. Often they have enormous stresses in their lives, but I find they take the time to think deeply about the big issues of life and ask the questions. They keep me on my toes and don't allow any shallow answers. It has been very encouraging to see many of them not only serving when they are asked, but actually looking out for ways in which they can help, taking the initiative. They really want to grow to be more like Jesus.

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## CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

In the book of James we learn that the Bible is like a mirror. When we look in the Bible we find out how to live God's way and we should reflect this in our actions. For example God wants us to grow in our love for Him and others, to be more patient and forgiving. God wants us to be more and more like his Son, Jesus. The best reflection on how we are listening and applying God's word in our lives is through the children we minister too. Be that as their parent, grandparent, children's church leader, kids club leader and/or scripture teacher. As parents your child's faith will be a mirror image of your faith. If you want your children to have a personal relationship with Christ, you need to have a personal relationship with Christ. If you want our children to act out their faith and love Christ and love one another, then we need to be actively doing this too. They need to see how we hold onto our faith in the hard times, so they will know how to turn to God when they are going through a hard time. If you want God to make over your family, the makeover must begin with you. You need to move from having knowledge about God in your head to establishing a personal relationship with God in your heart. Maybe this term can I encourage you to not only read the bible to your child but look at how you as a family can find ways to reflect what you just read and discuss with your child/ren what does God want us to learn from this passage and what can we do in response to this passage. During the last term you have seen the faithful people serving in the different children ministries. Not only do they provide a wonderful mirror for our children to reflect, they encourage us as a church family seeing them put their faith into practise.

The Holiday Club was a perfect example of this, especially with the wonderful youth that came and helped the children from our church and the community learn more about Jesus. **Follow the Clues Holiday Club** varied in numbers each day but the children that came each morning would be full of laughter each morning due to the crazy detective skits and the action packed challenges. Through this laughter the children learnt that our crimes against God are called sin and how Jesus took the punishment for our crime even though he had committed no crime and was completely innocent. He did this so they/we could be friends with God again. They also formed friendships with one another which saw some of the children coming along to church because their friends would be there. For this reason can I encourage children in our church family to come along to the next holiday club as it really provides a strong link between our church and the community. Providing the children and families in our community with the opportunity to come into our church family and into God's family. This is a great way for children to put their faith into practise.

During this term we again have been blessed with faithful leaders who love Christ and want to put this into practise. You will see them serving actively in the **CLIKK, ROCK, PULSE** and **Children's Church**.

At **CLIKK** our K-2 Kids Club, the theme is "Countdown to Christmas". We start the term off looking at the old testament and God's rescue plan and why Jesus had to be born and then die. Then we will look at Jesus birth, and why we should really celebrate Christmas.

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10 Thurs	Ministry Facility Upgrade General Briefing Session - 11.00am Fellowship Centre
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13 Sun	Ministry Facility Upgrade General Briefing Session - 9.30am in Christ Church 11.30am in Fellowship Centre 7.30pm in Fellowship Centre
14 - 25	Crossroads Mission Partnership to Hong Kong
16 Wed	Mission Support Group - 3.00pm Paper with Purpose - Cuttlebug Embellishments with Pamela
17 Thurs	Blue Haven HC Service
20 Sun	N.C.L.S. (National Church Life Survey) Ministry Facility Upgrade General Briefing Session - 9.30am in St Paul's Sing-a-long - 2.00pm Christchurch
23 Wed	Ladies Guild Meeting & Christmas Luncheon
27 Sun	Ministry Facility Upgrade Congregational Meeting - 2.30pm Fellowship Centre Family Picnic - 4.00pm
28 Mon	Grounds Task Force Meeting - 1.30pm

## Regular Weekly Events during term

**Sunday**  
Kids Church

**Tuesday**  
Ladies Craft Group  
Mini Music/  
Women's Connect Group

**Wednesday**  
Paper with Purpose (1st & 3rd Wednesday)

**Thursday**  
3.30pm Prayer Group at Minnamurra

**Friday**  
10.00am Ladies Prayer Group  
C.L.I.K.K.  
ROCK & PULSE

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One technique he learned from Steve Inman was if the lesson had finished and there was time available to ask the students to write questions they would like answered.

Nigel told them he would rule out questions which were rude or insensitive but answer all the others. He quoted from a range of them from dealing with matters of sexuality to life skills. His message was that the students were always testing scripture teachers to see if their life story was consistent with what they taught.

He also stressed the need for patience in dealing with high school students as it may take many years for the seed to bear fruit – a lesson we all need to note.

At the dinner it was mentioned that just recently the high school asked Nigel to find out if KBECET, on behalf of the local churches, could provide volunteers to run the Shine program to help Year 8 girls develop essential life skills.

The school will provide the funds and facilities needed. The program, which runs for eight weeks in term time, is operating successfully in other high schools in the region. Two of the Board members have observed the course and are impressed with its content and theme. I will keep you informed of developments.

The dinner, which was held in the Jamberoo School of Arts Hall was well supported. One of the highlights was a piano solo by Barry McNicoll.

KBECET is operating at a small deficit at present. If you are able to help reduce the deficit please do so by using the Internet Funds transfer facility of your bank direct to KBECET's account (see below) or put a donation in the envelope and leave it in the box near the hall or post it to:

KBECET  
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Alan Hansell  
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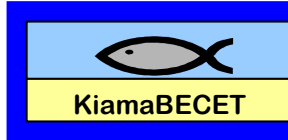
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## Faith in Practise - Angela Teudt

For the past year or more, many people in churches and in the community have worked together to support the family of Angela Teudt from the aggressive cancer her body was fighting. Sadly, as this goes to print, Angela has passed away. The service that celebrated her life in Christ Church brought together so many people who have been praying and supporting Peter and the family.

James reminds us of the call to respond by faith with deeds. *What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. (James 2: 14-18)*

At a recent St Pauls Committee meeting it was raised just how unwell and desperate Angela had become. That Sunday this was mentioned and the thirty or so regular members gave, \$1,200.00 as a love offering! This gift personally presented moved the family to tears. My prayer is that our faith will constantly be moved to respond. Please continue to pray for Peter, the children, the family and the ministry that our local churches can have to this grieving family.

With every blessing,  
Steve

## Faith in Practise - Hong Kong

In **Colossians 3: 17** we read, *"And whatever you do in work or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to him through God the Father."*

Recently, Tara, Liam and I had the privilege to serve our Lord together with brothers and sisters at Crossroads Foundation in Hong Kong, a volunteer aid organisation. To be able to work and worship with a group of people who had total faith in our Father to provide for their every need, and even more importantly, to provide for the poor and persecuted of His earthly realm whom he dearly loves was indeed humbling. Our prayer is that we continue to seek and serve our Lord with faithful trust and passion to glorify His kingdom.

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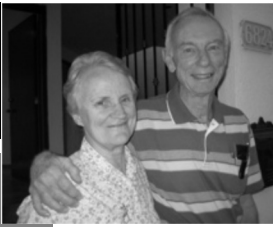
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# Mission Matters

## Grahame and Patty Scarratt, involved in the hand over of MOCLAM. (Moore college bible study) courses).



**Give thanks** for all that God is doing through MOCLAM with the courses. It is a real work of his Spirit!

**Pray** for Grahame as he sets about marking the 60 exam papers that have arrived from Cuba. It is very laborious as he does it from scanned papers, on the computer screen, and very often trying to read illegible and faint writing! But we give God thanks for all that he is doing over there!

**Continue to pray** for our team doing formatting on the courses and books; this will be an ongoing process whilever MOCLAM exists!

**Pray** for the work in Cuba as it moves ahead at a pace we can hardly keep up with. Peter Sholl is working together with folk over there on a degree course using the MOCLAM materials, plus some other courses we are adding to the program, as the many denominations now using the courses include it in their training program for pastors. The work there has expanded beyond anyone's expectations. Pray that God will guide all of us every step of the way as things change.

**Pray** as always for those teaching and studying the courses all over the Spanish-speaking world, that their lives will be transformed by the Word of God.

**Pray** for the progress on getting the courses going in Brazil in Portuguese. Plans are moving ahead and Peter Sholl has just been to visit there to discuss the way forward on this matter.

The staff workers in the student movement in Spain have just started using the courses as their training program; **pray** that they will be enthusiastic and want to apply what they learn to themselves and teach it to others in the Universities.

**Thank you again for your prayers and support; without these we could not continue in this work.**

## Philip and Elke (Annabella & Lily) Knight with BCA serving at Port Hedland W.A.

**Pray** that the gospel go out clearly to the residents of Port Hedland, and that the Knights have the Lord's wisdom and leading as they serve there.

**Give thanks** for Nick and Jenny that they be sustained after chemotherapy for Nick and give thanks for their commitment to the Lord's work in Port Hedland.

**Pray** that a person with musical abilities will be found replacing others who have left and with a willingness to serve.

**Pray** for Robert and Dawn Allen as they manage the new building project.

**Give thanks** for the Oxygen conference in Sydney and for spiritual refreshment, and for Philip's parents who cared for the children whilst they were away.

**Praise God** that as some families leave others come and join in serving the Lord in the church and Port Hedland.

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**Give thanks** that Jodie, a person from our church, (Anglican Port Hedland) has put in an application for the job of school chaplain. Pray as WA YouthCARE Council process her application and that Jodie would be successful.

**Give thanks** for the new people joining the church and for those we are farewelling. **PRAY** that our church would welcome warmly newcomers.

**Continue to pray for** Nick and Jenny as Nick underwent his second round of chemo and has recovered a lot better than the first round. He has six rounds to go.

The first half of the year Elke and I were unable to run school scripture seminars as no helpers were found. **PLEASE PRAY** that gospel centered people would be found to help us.

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# Vision In Practice Update VIP - 2009 - 2012

There has been much to praise our Lord for over the last few months. He has given us much wisdom and great leadership to progress the Vision according to His sovereign plan for our Church. The Church community is growing as is the involvement with the Vision, which is a great thing. The Vision has continued to progress very well and below are a few key points that expand on the recent achievements:

- A review of Growth Groups has commenced.
- Ministry Facility Upgrade (M.F.U.) progressing very well – Anglican Architectural Panel and Anglican Church Property Trust approval granted, Development Application still with Council, small group working on funding and tax deductible gift fund options.
- Currently preparing audience specific communication packs to discuss with Growth Groups and for other meetings.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November set for K.A.C. parish meeting to discuss M.F.U.
- Regrettably Lyn Elsholz has resigned to pursue interests linked to counselling.
- Regular 'Prime Time' informal service has been established and will continue.
- Monthly Sing-along on every third Sunday at 2.00pm.
- Quarterly Friendship Service on a Sunday afternoon.
- Two excellent Carer's Cafés held. One on Loss & Grief and one on Building Healthy marriages. Both well attended and excellent feedback received.
- Every Member Care (E.M.C.) gradually being embraced by all congregations.
- Connect Boxes introduced.
- Cheque from fundraiser sausage sizzle at Gainsborough for \$1,000 presented to Mrs Walsh who was most grateful.
- Gainsborough KAC members getting involved in the Gainsborough community.
- Major Gainsborough event postponed till next March.
- Several great Women's based conventions attended.
- The concept of a Men's breakfast and then the working bee worked well.
- Preparations underway for The Carols in the Park and St Paul's Fair.
- Visit to Crossroads Mission in Hong Kong in place for November.
- Increased youth leadership and involvement in 6.00pm service.
- Two young adult Growth Groups and three youth Bible Study groups.
- Currently working on the process of communicating the M.F.U. to the Church.
- Introduction of scheduled prayer meetings during the week.
- Introduction of formal Prayer Ministry after 10.00 Sunday service
- Ongoing faithful small prayer groups continue to be active.
- The Mini-Music group is going great. A Christian talk has been introduced every month.
- "Follow the Clues" Kids School Holiday Club went really well.

Please continue to pray that our Lord will continue to lead us in the direction that He would have us go and that the Vision for our Church will be a Vision that is owned by the whole Church community.

# Ministry Facility Upgrade

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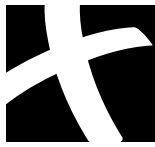
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The Australian Government has offered dollar for dollar funding donations made for the Horn of Africa Famine.

Anglican Aid is one of the NGO's (non-government organisations) invited to participate in this dollar matching scheme. Your gift to The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Horn of Africa Famine Crisis Appeal will have double the impact until the end of November.

Donations can be made online at [www.anglicanaid.org.au](http://www.anglicanaid.org.au) , by ringing our toll free number 1800 653 903, or by cheque to **Anglican Aid Horn of Africa Appeal**, posted to PO Box Q190 QVB Post Office NSW 1230

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## ***Anglican Aid Christmas T-shirts***

Anglican Aid has produced a great T-shirt, fair trade certified by non-sweat shop labour in Kolkota, India.

The T-shirts sell for \$30 (cost \$15 to produce), are good quality and \$15 supports Anglican Aid projects.

The T-shirts have a subtle Christmas \ Christian statement on the front with Anglican Aid logo on the back revolving around the theme of grace. Quantities can be ordered from Anglican Aid's office on 1800 653 903



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