

From the Brush Family



Michelle, Luke, Caitlin, Imogen and I want to begin our time in our new parish by saying a really big 'thank you' to so many people who have helped us, in so many ways, to move and to begin the settling in process. Everyone, from those who have so graciously helped out with a meal, or something yummy to snack on, helped us pack, moved pot plants, got our internet connection up and running, organised locks and keys for the rectory, invited us for a swim, to those who wrote or called or dropped by to say 'hi' and 'welcome', your ministry to us has been very much appreciated and we are grateful to God for you.



We also want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to those who we have met, and to those we have not yet met, who we know have been faithfully praying for us as we have moved and begun the settling in process. We are very grateful to God for you all!



I guess that some of the biggest questions rattling around in our parish right now concern myself and our family. Big questions like, What are we like as people? What will we do in terms of ministry? What will be our priorities in ministry? What is going to happen in our preaching programme? And then there are all the kind of get to know you questions. What do we like to read? Do we like going to the movies? What kinds of food do we like? And so on. Well, we hope that over the coming years we will be able to share our lives with many of you, and so give you the opportunity to find out much more about us as we get to know you in return.

Having said that, I do think that it is worth touching on a couple of the really big questions.

First, our ministry focus, and our ministry priority is really simple to

define. It is the Lord Jesus.

It is the Lord Jesus in and through whom our gracious God has not only condescended to reveal himself to us, but has also acted to save us, despite our constant rejection of him. A salvation that God would have us proclaim to all who will listen. It is the Lord Jesus who rules his church, by his word. It is by his word, opened to us by the Spirit of Jesus that God continues to speak to us even today, a 'living word' as the writer to the Hebrews puts it so well. And it is through Jesus our High Priest that we are able to come to God in prayer, confident that he delights in hearing and answering our prayers.

Second, we are going to begin our preaching programme for 2010 by starting to explore the Gospel of Luke. We will do that in some detail, so we will certainly break off and look at other scriptures as well, as the year unfolds. However, we do hope that beginning with Luke will challenge all of us to examine again the historical record to see who this Jesus is whom we worship, and what it means to truly listen to him and follow him. My prayer is that our lives will change as God challenges us by his word, and that as our lives change, so we will reach out to those around us who are lost and don't even know it.

As a family we are looking forward very much to our time serving our Lord Jesus with you. May our God bless us all richly as 2010 unfolds!

**Ted, Michelle,
Luke, Caitlin and Imogen.**

Prayer...

"...now these three remain: faith, hope and love."

(1 Cor 13: 13)

"Lord, as we meet you today (this week, this month), build our faith, strengthen our hope, and deepen our love..."

Give thanks... for the generous response in money and prayer for the people of Haiti. Thanks for Partners International CNEC, facilitating this support and for their workers in Haiti.

Pray for... the people of Haiti, suffering from the effects of the earthquake and after shocks. Pray for Aid Workers and the local church, in their efforts to help this nation.

Give thanks... for Ted Brush, Michelle and family: pray for them as they settle into the Parish and wider community, as they make friends and generally become acclimatised to the lower Blue Craig, settling into Middle East and language study; developing friendships; and for protection for him.

Pray for... Mary Jesuthasan at Jubilee High School, as she grapples with the responsibilities of teaching and admin. duties.

Give thanks... for schools within our parish and the wider community; pray for children starting school; and for the teachers from our parish in their daily ministry in schools.

Pray for... children's and youth groups recommencing; for playgroups; for Sunday ministries.

Pray for... the urgent need for staff to take all the SRE classes within the parish.

Give thanks... for Hugh William Bennetts' safe arrival and for Gary and Deb in their ministry at Georges Hall.

From Craig in the Middle East:

Greetings to my friends in the Lower Mountains.

I have settled in well and am 4 weeks into my first 6 week term of language, al-hamdu l-illah. Thank you all for your support and encouragement during this transition.

Life here is going well, making plenty of friends, watching lots of football, and learning some Arabic along the way. Thank you in advance for your continued thoughts. Give thanks that I have arrived, settled in and am slowly adjusting. Please also remember especially my health, its easy to pick up a stomach bug or two, and it is also tiring dealing with language, a new culture and getting used to finding out where everything is. And please also remember my language study, working hard to get pronunciations right, I now know what being tongue tired is really all about! Will continue to have you in my thoughts as well, Blessings, Craig"

PWW February 2010

Service to Celebrate
Commencement of Ministry
of the
Reverend Ted Brush as Rector
by
Ivan Lee
Bishop of Western Sydney
Sunday, 7th February, 10.00am
at
Wycliffe Christian School
133 Rickard Road,
Warrimoo

byo lunch!

When parking at Wycliffe, could you please park thoughtfully, ensuring that you do not block off people who leave before you.



A Glimpse of the new Bennetts!

Congratulations to Gary, Deb and family!...

...and Welcome! to Hugh William.

MARY ANDREWS COLLEGE

Bible Courses for Women ~ Semester 1 2010

Unique, flexible lay training, starts February 1 ~ enrol now!

St Andrew's House, Sydney Square:

Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri
Overview of the Gospels
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Work of Christ
Psalms & Ezra
OT Foundations
Pastoral Care

St Paul's Emu Plains: Mondays

Jesus: Lord & Saviour
Spiritual Formation

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students

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\$290 audit students

For more on subject outlines and
full timetable

and to enrol visit **our website**

www.mac.edu.au

or phone Sarah on 9569 2418.

or Phone Parish Office:

4739 1316

Friendship Club 2010
Thursday, 18th February, 10.30am
Glenbrook Church Hall

There will be: news of an exciting new project
the latest on the programme for
the year
special speaker: Ian Porter, from
Mission to Seafarers
an encounter with our new
minister, Ted Brush

Plus: **John's jokes!**
Saxon's songs!
Payne's plants!

Transport: 4739 5527



**Congratulation
to Luke Webb**

who was...
winner of the
Telstra Road to
Tamworth major
songwriter's prize!

As a result, Luke will be heading off to Nashville later
this year to give his music career a boost.

Annual Vestry Meetings for 2010

Mt Riverview Church—7th March, 10.30am
Blaxland Church—14th March, 10.30am
Glenbrook Church—14th March, 2.00pm



**Safe Ministry
Training**

SAFE MINISTRY REFRESHER TRAINING (2hrs)

This course needs to be completed every three years after
completing Part A and Part B. The aim of the course is to
maintain the highest standard of safe practice in our churches.

Where: **Emu Plains Anglican Church**
Short Street (enter via Mundy Street)
Emu Plains

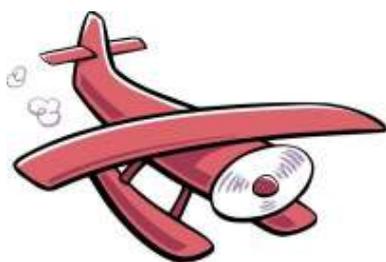
When: **2.00—4.00 p.m.**
Sunday, 21st February, 2010

Trainer: **Tony Jones**
Accredited Parish Based Trainer

Cost: **\$15.00 pp** [payable on the day]

**Enquiries &
Registration:** Email office@emuplains.anglican.asn.au
or telephone Emu Plains office (02) 4735 1001
by Friday, 19 February, 2010

Discovering MAF - 20th February - at Camden



Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has been serving missions and missionary staff overseas for
more than 60 years. Scores of clinics, schools and churches serve local communities where, in
most cases, no roads exist and people's very lives depend on the working synergy that exists
between mission staff and the MAF flights that sustain and support them.

MAF is holding a Discovery Day at Camden Airport on 20th February 2010 from 9.00am
where you can learn about MAF's amazing work. You will be able to talk to pilots, see

static displays of old and new aircraft and hear from a special guest speaker.

Children are especially welcome. There are some free flights offered during the day. Joyflights will be available for a reasonable
cost. Free PNG brewed coffee will be on tap all day and there will be a low cost sausage sizzle. This is a great day out for the whole
family. Bring a bus from your church, or organise a car-load to come with you.

MAF pilots, staff and missionaries work together as a reflection of the Gospel message. MAF aircraft bring food, medicines, mail, trade
goods, learning materials, building supplies and people. MAF aircraft are also strategic to supporting the indigenous church's programs
in isolated areas of Australia.

I look forward to you meeting our pilots and missionaries, hearing their stories, and seeing our aircraft on 20th February.

Yours in Christ, Tom Teale-Sinclair

NSW MAF Representative

(02) 9672 7763

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The People of
Corrimal Anglican Church
would like to invite you to a
Commencement of Ministry Service
for

David and Carol
Maggie, Kai, Gil and Poppy Esdale



As the new Minister and family at St Alban's Anglican
Church Corrimal

Saturday 13th February 2010 at 2pm

**St Alban's Anglican Church,
121 Princes Highway, Corrimal**

There will be an official welcome, followed by an afternoon
tea at 3pm.

We hope you can attend and look forward to the pleasure
of your company.

RSVP: by Sunday 7th February to Cathy Wynn
42837132 or secretary@corrimalanglican.com.au

www.corrimalanglican.com.au

Dave comments that whilst people are very welcome to
come to either of these days, the 13th at St Alban's,
Corrimal will be a far more personal—and less crowded!
occasion. He adds that the family would feel very honoured
if people were able to celebrate with them.

Bushtrackers
Saturday 20th February



Balmain Historic Walk

Meet Blaxland Station, 8.00am—
to travel by train and ferry.

Rated: Moderate.
Contact: Malcolm King

First Thursday Fellowship

4th February, 10.30am—Morning Tea

11.00—Annual General Meeting

Church Hall, Blaxland



Fellowship of Women

Friday, 26th February, 7.45pm
Planning Programme



In the Church Hall at Blaxland

Bible Study
Every Tuesday during School Term
9.30—10.30am, Blaxland Church Hall
1st Term: "Walking Through Isaiah"

Commences Tuesday, 2nd February
(contact: Gerrit Wassink)



BOOKS WANTED!

In good condition, any type except Mills and Boon or
Readers Digest condensed/select editions.
(NO MAGAZINES PLEASE)

for the **2010 BOOK FAIR** at

St Alban's Church, Leura, on
Easter Saturday, 3rd April,
& Easter Monday 5th April to Friday, 9th April,
In aid of IBULANKU HEALTH CENTRE
& St ALBAN'S SCHOOL, UGANDA

If you have any books you would like to donate, please phone 4784 3320 to
arrange delivery or collection (it would be helpful if a few churches could
group together for a central collection point).

**N.B. NO books can be accepted after 25th March, 2010 because of time
required for sorting.**

**November Collection for
Blaxland High School SRE:**

**The total for the Parish was:
\$1 342.45**

**Enquiries to the
Parish Office:**
Tel: 4739 1316
admin@lmap.org.au
www.lmap.org.au

Articles for the
March newsletter:
promo@lmap.org.au
by Tues, 23rd Feb