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IMPORTANT DATES

- 13 January '06, QPP cooking
- 16 December Friday, 8pm. joint GLBTI celebration. (See article)
- 24 December, 7:30pm. Christmas Eve Celebration, Morningside School of Arts hall.
- 22 Jan , 9:30 Sunday services resume Redfern St Morningside.

GLBTI JOINT CAROL SERVICE

The Christmas service/ carols we hold in conjunction with the other glbti Christian groups is this year to be organized by MCC. This will be held on Friday 16 December at 7:30pm at the Morningside School of Arts Hall on the corner of Wynnum and Thynne Roads ,Morningside. Please put this in your Diaries and plan now to be present at this.

MCC Brisbane. AGM

The numbers attending the Annual General Meeting were light on the ground though there were several apologies.

Adrian Buganey has been returned as Lay Delegate for one year. Think about whether you would be willing to take on this position next year. It is not a hard task and Adrian would instruct you into the position.

Our budget has been approved ,so let us go into this next year with an air of expectation of great and mighty things to happen in MCC Brisbane.

Volunteers

If there is an area that you feel you could help with in the church, we would be very happy to hear from you.

There may be an area that you feel we are lacking, then let Anne James or Iris Sagggers know.

THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S PEN

Recently the morning group looked at a different way of prayer-the labyrinth. A labyrinth is an interactive installation for spiritual journeys. They were a feature of many medieval cathedrals - one of the remaining examples being in the Chartres Cathedral in France.

A copy of this labyrinth is between the car park and the entrance to the Powerhouse.

A labyrinth can be an aid to contemplative prayer and reflection, as a spiritual exercise, or as a form of pilgrimage . It can be used for meditation, or to realize things about ourselves.

If anyone is interested in trying a finger labyrinth, I have some copies. This is small and your finger is used to trace the path to the centre and out again. Have fun. **IRIS**

"Here in my soul, the greatest of all miracles has taken place-God has returned to God".....Meister Eckhart.

LIBRARY NEWS

Again we have a book that is written up in the QNews issue 126.

And the Band played on.

The story of the discovery of the AIDS virus. From the early days in 1978 when numerous San Francisco gays began dying from unknown causes to the identification of the HIV virus.

Some titles that might be worth taking out:-

The Snake Tattoo by Lynda Barnes - A Carlotta Carlyle mystery. Carlotta Carlyle, an ex-cop, struggling private eye' and 6'1" of long tall redhead, takes any case that walks through the door.

Murder on the Rue Dauphine by Greg Herren - for gay New Orleans private eye Cahnse MacLeod, it seems like a simple case: find out who is blackmailing his pretty-boy client's rich, closeted boyfriend, collect a fat

cheque, and take some much needed time off, BUT.

Torch Song Trilogy. Video-Based on award winning play. It is a personal story of a flamboyant New York artiste. Both funny and poignant chronicles a search for love, respect and acceptance.

Way of the Peaceful Warrior Dan Millman-based on the story of Dan Millman, a world champion athlete who

journeys into realms of flesh and spirit, romance and terror, light and darkness, laughter and magic.



INFORMATION FOR GLBTI PEOPLE OF PENTECOSTAL BACKGROUND

Launch of new freedom2B (e) website.

This has evolved following a forum held in Brisbane during Pride week on the impact of Christian fundamentalism on the GLBTI community and the result of two inaugural meetings in Brisbane and Sydney on this proposal.

The Freedom2B(e) group formed in Brisbane plans to hold monthly meetings, not

only to offer support but also to create a strong base to help save others from the traumas of depression, rejection, isolation and, at worst, suicide, due to the torment of conflicts between Christian experience and sexual orientation.

The freedom2B(e) website is now operational at

www.freedom2b.org

It enables you to register

and log in so you can join in the discussion, post your story and access the resources. The group would welcome your feedback about their get-togethers and future direction.

May the happiness and peace of Christmas be with you.

THEOLOGICAL READING GROUP

This group is facilitated by Inari and is open to all. Inari will provide people with a set passage to read in advance, and this passage is then discussed over coffee at The Coffee Club on Racecourse Road, Ascot from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on the last Friday of each month

.Speak to Inari if you wish to attend this group.

STUDY GROUP

There is a group which meets Wednesday evenings at 7pm at 40 Redfern St Morningside. We meet for about an hour and we look at the gospel for some weeks hence. These discus-

sions are often quite lively with new ways of looking at things coming to the fore.

We finish with supper together-we would love you to join us.

This group will be in recess from Christmas Eve until the first Wednesday in February /06.

RISK MANAGEMENT

There will be a file on display by the notice board with this information in it.

Shortly it will be on our website also.

SISTER SPEAK

Thanks to those who were able to come with us to **Ten Pin Bowling** at Cannon Hill on Saturday, 10 September. Two teams of six women battled it out over two games for the honour of being the champion. Some managed to strike (the bowls that is) and others less fortunate managed to strike the floor (not with the bowl but with their bottoms!).

Nevertheless, I think everyone will agree that we had a bowl...I mean ball! Congratulations to our champion...all

PFLAG

Pflag-Parents and friends of lesbians and gays-provide support to the families and friends of glbti persons. Pflag also works for equal rights for glbti persons and to combat homophobia. They deserve our support.

MCC Brisbane is a member

the way from California, Rev Elder Debbie Martin. There wasn't any actual prize but more importantly Debbie now has the honour of carrying the title "**The Sister Speak Super Striker**" until next time we meet.

We had just as much fun afterwards; conversation, coffee and munchies in the "quiet area".

For the remainder of the year, we will be having our usual discussion at Anne and Iris's during October. During that meeting we will

discuss what we would like to do for November. For our final get-together of the year, our Christmas Sister Speak celebrations, Barbara has invited us all to her place at Thornlands for a sausage sizzle and swim. I will advise you by e-mail on further details.

Until then.

Your sister in Christ

Clair

There will be no January meeting.

of Pflag Brisbane.

Pflag Brisbane is convened by Shelley. Shelley can be contacted at

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Pflag Rockhampton is convened by Neville and Rosemary Kajewski and they can

be contacted at

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GREAT AUSSIE BBQ

January 26th (Australia Day) a great Aussie BBQ at Captain Burke Park.

A Crave-like service(Sydney)

WE are considering having a service similar to the Crave service that is held once a month in Sydney. Anyone who may be interested in being on the committee to help set this up could they please contact Anne James or Iris Sagers.

QPP COOKING

MCC Brisbane cook once a month for QPP (Queensland Positive People)

Adrian would be happy to speak with you if you would like to assist with this.

We are scheduled to cook on **11 November, 9 December and 13 January.**

Noah's Ark.

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat .

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark .

FOUR: Stay fit. When you are 60 years old someone may ask you to do something really big .

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground .

SEVEN: For safety sake travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage . The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed , float awhile.

TEN: Remember , the Ark was built by amateurs ; the Titanic was built by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting .

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ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

MCC churches have zero tolerance for sexual harassment or predatory behaviour of any kind.

At MCC Brisbane we want all people to feel safe, and we will do all in our power to see that no sexual harassment, bullying or predatory behaviour happens at any church function. Please feel free to speak with the pastors or any member of the Board of Directors should you experience such behaviour at a church function.

The churches in Queensland are MCC Brisbane and the Brisbane outreach of MCC Rockhampton. The Pastor is Rev Anne James. The Assistant Pastor is Rev Iris Siggers
The Contact Person in Rockhampton is Mr Wayne Larson.
Anne and Iris in Brisbane and Wayne in Rockhampton are available as a 'friendly ear' or 'shoulder to cry on'. Anne and Iris are also available for commitment ceremonies, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement.

MCC SERVICES

Brisbane

We have a **9.30am Home Group** each Sunday morning. This is a very informal service and is held in the downstairs section of **40 Redfern St Morningside**. At this service we have prayer, singing, an informal Holy Communion, Bible readings and a time of discussion followed by morning tea. A train leaves Central Station at 8:52 am which gets you to Morningside Station in time to walk along to Redfern St. which has a KFC on the corner.

The morning group will be stopping from Christmas Day and starting again on 22 Jan. 2006

We have a more traditional style service each Sunday evening at **7pm at the Quaker's Meeting House 10 Hampton St Kelvin Grove**.

All are welcome at either of these services

Rockhampton

Services at Rockhampton are unfortunately closed until further notice.

Please Note

There will be no Christmas Day service as we will have had a service on Christmas Eve.s