



Metropolitan Community Church Brisbane Newsletter

August/September/October 2005

Services at MCC 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 together.

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

All are welcome at either of these services.

Services at MCC Rockhampton

Wayne Larson is attempting to hold services on the first and third Sunday of each month at 6pm at Access Recreation Meeting Room Allenstown. However because of Wayne's health problems it would be a good idea to ring him on 49 381 214 before travelling to a service – to ensure he is well enough to be offering a service at that time.

D E A T H ~ WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said,

"Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

Pastor's pen.

May today there be peace within you. May you trust
God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us
to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering
how to fly.



Here are some photos taken by Gordon. The first of our stall at Pride and the second some of those who worked hard to make our Stonewall service a success – thankyou guys.

Celebrating the life of Russell Waite by Rev Ivor Holmans

Many of us knew Russell in his association with Metropolitan Community Church, Brisbane. Others had the privilege to know him socially.

In 2000, after Russell had been attending MCC for a few months he requested membership. Very soon after becoming a member of our church, and knowing his academic qualifications, I approached him as to his willingness to do the work of treasurer within our church. After consideration and in his manner of thoroughness, Russell agreed and was elected to the position. Because of my position as pastor, I had a close relationship with Russell and liked what I saw. I did know him a little socially, however usually it was in connection with the church work that we met.

In everything he did, he did it with that thoroughness and willingness. All the treasurer's reports were on time and were accurate. When he went to see the Auditor everything was precise and clear so that the Auditor had to take little time to authorise the statements.

In all the time I knew Russell, I did not hear him utter a cross word or express anger toward another person. He, at all times, appeared cool, calm and collected. He was a very quiet person who will be missed more so by his quietness than his speeches. I never knew of his ever talking or gossiping about any other person. He often agreed though if the person we were talking about needed praise.

When he took part in the worship service he was well prepared. Also I could see him writing notes on any new points needed prior to the prayers he delivered. In all, Russell was a very particular, and precious person. Even when he was sick he would quietly hold back and recover his breath before advancing back into the conversation. Russell was a very honest wonderful human being and I am most grateful that I had the privilege to know him as he lived out his Christianity with his God in MCC Brisbane. Signed Ivor Rev Ivor Holmans Pastor Emeritus MCC Brisbane

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 9th Sept, 14th Oct, 11th Nov and 9th Dec.



Central Queensland Readers-

As CQ Readers will know there have been big changes in the running of events for the glbti community of CQ. Unfortunately we are not being informed of what is coming up and so we are unable to pass this information on to the readers of this newsletter. Thus this newsletter will by default become a 'church' newsletter and may not interest all CQ people who have subscribed to it!

If you have subscribed in recent times and want a refund rather than receiving a newsletter with very little of interest to you in it – please just ring or write or Email us and we will be happy to refund your contribution. We are very sorry that we can no longer keep the CQ Community informed as we had intended to do.

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 discussions help inform the preaching and are often quite lively. We finish with supper together – we would love you to join us.

Visit by our Regional Elder

On the weekend of the 10th and 11th September we will have a visit from our Regional Elder – Rev Elder Debbie Martin. She will be attending SisterSpeak and she will be a guest preacher at our evening service on Sunday 11th September. It would be good if we could have a large number to welcome Rev Debbie that Sunday and to hear what she has to say.

Metropolitan Community Churches in Queensland

These are MCC Brisbane and the Brisbane outreach of MCC Rockhampton.

The Pastor is Rev Anne James. The Assistant Pastor is Rev Iris Saggars.

The Worship Coordinator in Rockhampton is Mr Wayne Larson.

Anne and Iris can be contacted on (07) 3891 1388 or Anne's mobile 0401 434 564

Wayne can be contacted on (07) 49 381 214 or mobile 041 777 9390.

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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 Brisbane Address is PO Box 317 Fortitude Valley Qld 4006

MCC Rockhampton address is PO Box 4100 Rockhampton 4700

Brisbane services are held at the Quaker Meeting House 10 Hampson St Kelvin Grove

Rockhampton services are held at Access Recreation Meeting Room cnr Caroline St and Upper Dawson Rd Allenstown.

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