



"from Warren"

The Words We Use for Holy Spirit

In scripture a number of metaphors are used for the Holy Spirit. Unlike the language we use of the Father and the Son, which are quite definite and familiar, the language we use of the Holy Spirit is less structured and more fluid. Words like fire and water easily come to mind, as does wind and breath.

But also, God's Spirit is described in terms of the movement of wings. Think of God's Spirit hovering in Genesis 1:2, or the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary, or the Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism like a dove. Another image for God's Spirit in scripture is oil, splashed over someone's head in anointing. Jesus is the anointed One, which is what 'Christ' and 'Messiah' mean. (See Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:16-21; Acts 10:38) The experience of fire and water, breath and wind, oil and hovering are not as easily evoked in our lives as are words like father, son/daughter, or word, each of which we use of God.

And the experience of the Holy Spirit is a bit like this as well. The Spirit comes to us often in less expected ways, perhaps a bit left field at times, perhaps through our emotions, requiring a sixth (spiritual) sense to detect and appreciate. The effects of the Spirit in our lives can sneak up on us as well. We discover that the Spirit has been slowly working to bring us to a point of forgiving someone who has wronged us. And this is one reason why the Spirit can be missed in our liturgy.

We can focus on the words and actions, what is more focussed and more readily grasped. But the Spirit is there also, not just in the words, but in the emotions we feel, and in an openness to one another into which we are invited to enter. My prayer is that we can let the Spirit into our lives this Pentecost, even if that might mean a level of discomfort as well as newness at times.

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For more of Warren's work see his blog at <http://classic-theology-new.blogspot.com.au>

'For the Love of God' Conference.

The Adelaide Anglicans conference was held at St Peter's Girls' School on April 20th. More than 150 people came together for encouragement and inspiration. Worship was enlivened by the clergy band, otherwise known as the 'Band with no Name'!

Plenary sessions were led by the Venerable Helen Philips, the new Flourishing Communities Facilitator. She acknowledged the challenges facing the church as community values and priorities change, encouraging us to discern new opportunities for ministry as well as deepening our faith and expressions of it. Archbishop Geoff led a session on how to share our faith without losing friends and members of the Creation Care Network shared their vision and initiatives. In the 'Pastoral Pitches' session, parishes and groups shared ministry initiatives, including embracing multiculturalism through ecumenical activities, a Mothers' Union Biggest Warmth project, the Anglican Rainbow Network, Home Fellowship and Bible Study, online youth and children's ministry and programs providing breakfast and lunch. The St Barnabas Croydon parish gave insight into the impact of redesigned spaces on parish activities. Julie and I presented the ways in which St Columba's is rethinking pathways for changing contexts. These include



pathways into the parish (through community events, small group ministries, welcoming and faith sharing resources), pathways across the life of the parish (participation and leadership) and pathways for exploring faith more deeply. Rev. Peter Chapman talked about his ministry to Motorcycle Clubs. Here is a section of the Bikers Run Prayer:

Keep our colours and our club code
To ride in honour on every road
Help meet the needs of us Brothers
As we relieve the needs of others.
From stands up till down at night
May we remain within your sight
Your colours be our colours too,
Our colours be at one with you. Amen

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10TH ANNIVERSARY. WARREN'S COMMISSION

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FROM NEWTON COLLEGE TO THE MODAWA INSTITUTE

For a number of years we have been supporting the work of Bishop Jeff Driver at Newton Theological College in PNG. But the work has expanded into the Modawa Institute of Higher Education. Read on for a little information about the development which we will continue to sponsor as a parish.

An extract

from the
MODAWA INSTITUTE NIUSLETA,
SENT BY BISHOP DRIVER

Soon after the first Anglican Missionaries to PNG, Albert MacLaren and Copland King, arrived on the North Coast of what was then British New Guinea, they cut bush poles to build a rough chapel.

One of the poles sprouted and grew into a tree. It was a Modawa Tree (New Guinea Rosewood). Like every young tree, it would have had tender beginnings. But it grew and it grows still near the cathedral at Dogura. It has become a symbol of PNG Anglicanism, rooted in the soil of the land.

This year another Modawa was planted on the Newton College site at Popondetta. On January 1 the Modawa Institute for Higher Education came into being on the 265 acre campus set aside through the energy of Bishop David Hand along with the generosity of local people. The Modawa Institute is new, but not new. Newton Theological College has been operating on the site for about 45 years. St Margaret's has been training health workers for much of that time. And when Bishop David Hand negotiated the mission lease for the land, through the vision and generosity of local people, he had in mind that a teachers' college would be built on the site.

Now the Modawa sapling has been planted in Oro ground, bringing all that history and vision together. It is but a tender shoot, with much growth to occur before the branches spread.

The first step, as always, is with people. The Governing Council has appointed a new Principal, to take over from Bishop Jeffrey Driver, who has guided the redevelopment of Newton College to this point,

spending about a third of each year in PNG. The Rev Dr Ishaya Anthony plans to take up the appointment before the commencement of the 2025 academic year.

Having retired from a long period of service, mostly with the University of PNG, Ms Estelle Jojoga will head our nursing program with the aim of establishing a Diploma in Nursing. Mr Philemon Antonio will take up the position of Head of the School of Teaching over the coming months. Philemon has been head of a teachers' college in Enga. Mr Alan Jogioba has been elected Chair of the Council of Governors. Alan has had a long history of service in higher education, including some times in Australia.

Along with Fr Giles Motisi, this new leadership team has a mammoth task ahead of it. We will need to recruit additional teaching staff, plan curricula, and attending to the ongoing task of registration and accreditation.

Bishop Driver has again sent his thanks to St Columba's parish for its friendship and financial support.



Modawa Library



Art at Church

Do you have a piece of art that you would like to show at church? It can be anything that is meaningful to you, and not necessarily overtly religious.

We display a piece of art each week in front of the altar, and a short explanation is given to the congregation. The accompanying photo is Heather holding one of her favourite icons which we then displayed on a Sunday morning during the service. The icon is of Mary (mother of Jesus) as a child with her mother, Anna. Even with all the things we say about Mary, she had a mother and needed her mother. And her mother's DNA was in Jesus, just like we have our grandparents' in us.

Heather and her icon





A new tie at the Garage Sale



Children's Station of the Cross at Easter

Zi creating media content during his Work Experience



Kids help Warren



Jill and Jason Moss's 25th wedding anniversary

10th Anniversary of Warren's Commissioning.

On May 19th, after the Pentecost services, the parish celebrated and gave thanks for Warren's commissioning as Rector of St Columba's, on May 20th, 2014.



During the 18 month interregnum, the verses printed here were at the heart of the Nomination Committee's work with Bishop Jeff Driver, in our discernment, and in our feedback to the parish, reminding us all that it was God's work moving us along.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

In acknowledging this anniversary, we gave thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our church and in Warren's ministry:

"Lord, as The Holy Spirit filled the apostles with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: By the power of the same Spirit, strengthen Warren to bear witness to your truth, to disturb us and to draw us to the power of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We look forward to the next phase of Warren's strong leadership and ministry with us.

Ann Nadge

Worship Services

Sundays:
8.00 a.m. BCP Eucharist
9.30am Contemporary Holy Communion

Weekdays:
Thursdays: 10.30 a.m. BCP Eucharist

Fridays: 9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m. Bible Study



SERVICES ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE:

Tuesdays at 5.00 p.m.: Message of the Day by Warren.

Wednesdays at 5.00 p.m.: Evening Prayer

Thursdays at 5.00 p.m.: Reflection
You can always watch these at a later time if you wish.

PLAYGROUP: 10.00am Columba Playtime in school term time.

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A WELCOME TO NEW-ISH PARISHIONERS

It has been a delight in the last little while to have new people join our congregation. Some were welcomed by longer-standing parishioners on a sunny Saturday afternoon in April, with newer and older getting to know each other more easily than can be done sometimes at church services.



CURRENT PARISH LAY LEADERSHIP

At the Vestry Meeting on 24th March the following elections and appointments were made or confirmed:

Priest's Warden: Ann Nadge

People's Warden: Mark Engelhardt

Parish Council: *Continuing for one year:* Julie Ascher-Ellis, Elizabeth Bleby, Wendy Thomas.

Elected for two years: Stroma Hagger, Wendy Jeffrey

Safe Ministry Co-Ordinator: Ann Nadge

Investment Committee: Don Barnett *reappointed*

Synod Representatives: Sarah Black, Wendy Jeffrey, Ann Nadge. *Alternate:* David Jones

Nomination Committee: Wardens *plus* Sarah Black, Tom Hester, Wendy Jeffrey.

DIARY DATES 2024

JUNE

Monday 10: Mothers' Union

Sunday 23: Patronal Festival

Wednesday 26: Parish Council

JULY

Friday 5: End of School Term 2

Monday 8: Mothers' Union

Tuesday 9: Sanctuary Guild

Monday 22: School 3 Term starts

Wednesday 24: Parish Council

AUGUST

Monday 12: Mothers' Union

Wednesday 28: Parish Council