

Anam Cara Community



Welcome to 2015!



Sunset on the Gippsland Lakes December 31st 2014 Photo by Alison Macqueen

Endings... and New Beginnings

We trust that January has been a time of refreshment both spiritually and physically. The Servant Leaders are excited as we prepare for 2015, and trust that the Community will be a place that provides resources, refreshment and encouragement in your spiritual journeys, whatever the new year holds for you.

We continue to pray for all our Associates and for Bishop elect, Bishop Kay Goldsworthy as she prepares to begin her new ministry as the 12th Bishop of Gippsland on 21st March 2015.

A Prayer for Australia Day

Bounteous God,
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,
a land of despair and hope,
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,
a land of fire, drought and flood.
We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,
and an end to all injustice;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Things to look forward to in February...

- **Waterholes** will return next week, Saturday 31st January, with our regular reflections on the Scriptures, resources, and updates on Quiet Days and other events.
- A special article from the late **Bishop John McIntyre**. Our first issue of Waterholes will include a sermon delivered by Bishop John to the Gippsland Synod in 2006. It was the sermon where he introduced the diocese to the memorable image of the Holy Spirit as the **'Wild Goose.'**
- Our first **Quiet Day** for 2015... Saturday 21st February... further details below.
- A special event at the **Abbey of St Barnabas** - 'Exploring New Monasticism' on the 25th and 26th February... further details below.

Dates for 2015

1. Quiet Day - Saturday 21st February 2015

'Into The Wilderness'



You are invited to a Lenten Quiet Day...

***A time to discern God's voice and call
in our lives.***

At Holy Trinity Anglican Church Stratford
On Saturday 21st February 2015
From 9.30am until 3.30pm.

*Led by Brian Turner, Jane Macqueen and
Kate Campbell, this is a Ministry of the
Anam Cara Community, Gippsland.*

Cost is \$Nil to \$15 depending on means.
BYO lunch - tea/coffee are provided.
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RSVP to Brian or Jane, thank you

2. Quiet Day - Saturday 18th April 2015

- St Mary's Morwell
- 9.30am - 3.30pm.

3. Quiet Day - Saturday 20th June 2015

- St Mark's Rosedale
- 9.30am - 3.30pm.

An Invitation From The Abbey of St Barnabas

A Symposium with Ray Simpson

Guardian of the Community of Aiden and Hilda, Holy Isle of Lindisfarne, UK

Exploring New Monasticism

"Discussing patterns for future mission in Gippsland"

At: The Abbey, Raymond Island

25th & 26th February 2015

For clergy and parish ministry leaders

About Ray

Ray describes himself as a Celtic New Monastic for Tomorrow's World. He is an Anglican Priest who has ministered in Britain's industrial midlands, multiracial London, rural East Anglia and has planted a neighbourhood church in Bowthorpe, Norwich. Currently Ray is the Guardian of The Community of Aiden and Hilda, a globally dispersed community that is focussed on weaving together the separated strands of Christianity, healing the land and resourcing people in discovering new monastic ways.

About the Symposium

The symposium program runs Wednesday 25th February 2015 10am-9pm and Thursday 26th February 10am to 4pm. It will include times of prayer, seminars and input from Ray, times of discussion and conversation.

Cost: for daily attendance, including morning and afternoon tea, lunch, and dinner on the 25th and morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea on the 26th is **\$70**

In Addition

For those choosing to 'stay over' - accommodation is available at The Abbey.

There are 8* twin share motel units and one three bedroom cottage in The Abbey grounds.

Remember to ***book early!***

Twin share accommodation with breakfast for the night of 25th is \$55 per person.

Single accommodation with breakfast for night of 25th is \$100 per person.

* **EXTRA BONUS:** \$25 per person bed and breakfast for night of 24th for those who have booked to stay on 25th and would like to come up for the night of the 24th to enjoy some peace and serenity.

At The Abbey

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880

To book or further information:

Phone 'The Abbey' on (03) 5156 6580

Email: info@theabbey.org.au

RSVP: 17th February 2015

Please put the Quiet Day dates into your diaries and watch for our first edition of Waterholes this Saturday 31st January 2015.

Love and prayers

Jane Macqueen

On behalf of the Servant Leaders

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