

Let us pray:

Help us O Lord to live, the faith we proclaim. That all our thoughts & words & deeds – will glorify your Name ... Amen

Thanks Rev. Jenny for your warm welcome, the opportunity and privilege to share with this faith community the work being undertaken by the Anglican Board of Mission, especially the Archbishops November Appeal for this year.

Good Morning - Before I share with you some details of this year's project, I will briefly run through the aims of ABMs Mission ABM works with our partners in many countries and at home, educating, training and supporting those involved in mission; ... and ...helping and supporting communities and people who live under difficult and sad circumstances. There are posters and information leaflets on a display at the entrance, which will give you some idea of the work undertaken by ABM, please check these out and speak with me for more details after the Eucharist.

Mission is about people, what happens in their lives and their relationship with God. The mission of ABM is based on the five marks of mission, which are:

1. Witnessing to Christ's saving, forgiving & reconciling Love for all people
2. Building welcoming, transforming communities of Faith
3. Standing in solidarity with the poor & needy
4. Challenging violence, injustice & oppression and working for peace & reconciliation
5. Protecting & caring for & renewal of life on our planet

This year's Archbishops November ABM appeal is for:

“Resourcing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Congregations

The funds raised this year, will support the ministry in Yarrabah, an **Aboriginal community near Cairns ... Yarrabah has strong connections** with the Territory. The first missionaries to Roper River, in 1908, included Aboriginal evangelists from Yarrabah. Revd Wayne Connolly and Revd Kevin Baird both worked as parish priests at Oenpelli in the mid-1980s, and came from Yarrabah. Many people from Yarrabah came over the years to Nungalinga College in Darwin for their ministry training.

About three years ago, The Diocese of North Queensland spent considerable funds in restoring the Church at Yarrabah. In January this year the Bishop of North Queensland, the Right Reverend Bill Ray commissioned a new priest – Reverend Annette Woods, as a missionary for Yarrabah.

There is an urgent need for resources to enable this ministry to go forward and succeed. Some of them are:

- Providing faithfulness in service
- Training in how to lead liturgy and to use the Prayer book
- A desperate need for more Prayer books, Bibles & Prayer resources and resources such as *“Bethel Bible Studies”*
- Some repairs were done on the hall but funds are needed as more work is required to make it functional and presentable. The hall is a neutral location for Christian education & other ministry activities
- Funds are needed to send leaders to retreats and Diocesan Conferences

The Diocese of North Queensland is seeking 10,000 dollars to reinvigorate the Parish of Yarrabah. Any funds raised beyond this will be channelled to support other *Torres Strait Islander Congregations* in desperate need of resources

The work of ABM is an important part of our churches' expression to its commitment to **Mission**. It is not just about raising funds, it is more importantly about raising awareness in our parishes, of the work of ABM. We are seeking your support in three areas:

1. Prayers
2. Involvement in the Mission
3. Funds to support the mission

Please check the items on display at the entrance and help yourselves to any items that may interest you. I would love to chat with you after the Eucharist and endeavour to answer any questions, particularly about our projects and partners. If you wish to donate to the ABM November Appeal, the donation envelope and the ABM money boxes are also on the display table ... Together with ABM you will be contributing to the Gospel principles of - **Love, Hope & Justice** for the future of **All** people.

The Grovely Parish has always been most generous in supporting the work and mission of ABM. Thanks for your continuing prayers and support, for which we are most grateful.

It is a great joy to be a part of God's mission, share it with you & together spread God's word & Love.

"It Only Takes A Spark To Get A Fire Going"

Let us pray together - The Collect for today which is in the Pew Bulletin. It is most appropriate for the work and mission of ABM "O God, welcoming"

God Bless You