

NEW CRANMER SOCIETY NEWS AND VIEWS

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VIEWPOINT

What "New Cranmer" is all about

- Peter Adam (President)

Friends, members, and supporters of the New Cranmer Society,

Welcome to 2007!

New Cranmer continues to promote and pray for Credal and doctrinal orthodoxy, effective ministry, and mission-minded priorities in the Diocese of Melbourne.

We welcome Archbishop Philip and Mrs Joy Freier, and pray that their time in Melbourne will be enjoyable and productive.

New Cranmer is not a narrow organization, nor a single-issue organisation. **We are a group of like-minded people who value the great truths of the Bible, the Creeds, and the confessional Anglican theology of the Book of Common Prayer and the Reformers, and who want these ideas to continue to enrich and shape the Diocese of Melbourne and all its ministries.**

We call on all our members and supporters to be prayerful, positive, and effectively engaged in the political realities of the diocese.

We believe that to be 'political' is not to be sub-Christian, and that

every response that people make to the decision-making activities of the Diocese is 'political.'

To be disengaged is a political act, to act independently of the ideas of others is a political act, to act in opposition to someone's advice is a political act, and to wait for the inspiration of the moment is a political act! The big moral question is not 'Should we be political?' It is 'What is wise and holy political action?'

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New Cranmer Society presents

'A Mission-Shaped Diocese?'

with **Dr. Tim Harris**

Archdeacon for Mission, Evangelism and Church Growth, Diocese of Adelaide

plus responses, discussion and afternoon tea

Saturday, May 12, 2.00-4.30pm

St James' Conference Centre, Batman St, West Melbourne

Cost: \$10

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From the President...(continued)

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I hope we are not into seeking influence or power for its own sake. They are miserable gods. Our great desire is to honour Christ, and to work and pray for Christ's mission to shape every aspect of our church.

We are not a one-issue group, and in fact our membership and our supporters include a wide variety of people. So, for example, in recent years we have at different times, supported the following people for election as Archbishop: Bishop John Reid, Archbishop Keith Rayner, Bishop Peter Watson, Bishop John Harrower, Archdeacon David Powys, and Bishop Philip Freier.

We have always tried to support as candidates those whom we thought would be orthodox in practice, and missional in priorities.

Thankyou

I also want to express our thanks to our two immediate past Presidents, **Tony Greenwood** and **Richard Trist**. Tony led New Cranmer with distinction for many years, and Richard led us through the challenging period of the Archbishop election meetings of Synod members. Our warmest thank to both Tony and Richard for their excellent work.

I also express our gratitude to those members of New Cranmer who saw active service on the Archbishop Nomination Board for a very long 14 months.

Looking ahead - synod and triennial elections

2007 is an important year, as in the Diocese we hold the triennial elections for many committees within the Diocese and also elect our lay and clergy representatives for General Synod, which will meet in October.

Our Synod and synod elections are in June. The Synod service will on Wednesday 13th June, and the main meeting will be on Saturday 16th June, with the elections on that day.

We have decided that **we will not hold a Synod breakfast this year**, and encourage you to come to the conference we are holding on Saturday 12th May, with Tim Harris as the speaker. (see page 1)

Updating our contact list

We would like to upgrade and renew our contact list, as there are new clergy who have joined the diocese or been ordained, and newly elected lay representatives for parishes, and regions.

Would you please email or snail mail any new names, or changes of contact details to - newcranmer@technologymatters.com.au. OR 83 Hannan St, Williamstown. 3016

Vacancies

We have some vacancies on the New Cranmer Council. If you feel that your group of friends and contacts is not represented, and you can find one of them to nominate for election as a member, then please contact me at principal@ridley.unimelb.ed.au

With warmest good wishes,

Peter Adam

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