

NEW CRANMER SOCIETY NEWS AND VIEWS

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VIEWPOINT

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It is a privilege to be asked to take on the work of President of New Cranmer from Tony Greenwood.

Tony has served the Society well for many years and has taken a strong lead in many areas of Diocesan life. He has been fearless in his willingness to defend the "truth once delivered to the saints" and I am particularly grateful that he has been willing to stay on the New Cranmer Council to assist us in this important period of time leading up to the election of a new Archbishop.

Thankyou Tony for your faithful leadership and service.

There is much that lies before us all in the coming months. We can look back and rejoice in all that was achieved under the 6 years of Peter Watson's leadership, but now like the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3 there is "one thing" we must do - "putting aside what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal".

As members of a society that is broad based but ultimately orthodox in its doctrine and understanding of Scripture, it is vital that we work together towards this goal. **John Stott once observed that in a church of diverse views there were three options. The first is to get out – the way of secession. The second is to give in – the way of compromise. The third is to stay in whilst refusing to give in – the way of witness.**

Secession, he notes, pursues the truth at the expense of unity. Compromise is the pursuit of unity at the expense of truth. Witness, however, seeks to pursue both truth and unity simultaneously – Ephesians 4:15 "maintaining the truth in love". Such an approach is "the most painful of the three options, for it does not break the tension. It calls us to constantly walk a tight-rope....but this is what we are called to do". Can I urge us all as members and supporters of New Cranmer to work hard at doing this – maintaining the truth in love - in the lead up to
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New Cranmer Council - 2006

President – Richard Trist
Vice Presidents –Greg Allinson , John Altmann, John Batt , Alex Milner,
John Pearson
Members – Tim Anderson , Rob Miller , Denise Cooper-Clarke, Tony Greenwood, Andrew Livingstone,

Our New President

Richard Trist came to Melbourne Diocese as the Youth Officer for the Church Missionary Society in 1981. He studied at Ridley College, was accepted as an a candidate for Melbourne, then ordained in 1987. Since then, Richard has had a varied ministry experience working in Australia and overseas serving as a curate at St John's Camberwell, vicar at St John's Cranbourne, associate minister at St Hilary's Kew, then Senior Associate Minister at All Soul's Langham Place in the UK before returning to Australia to become vicar of St Mark's Camberwell in 2001. Richard is also an Examining Chaplain. Richard is married to Glenda and they have four children ranging from 13 to 22 years of age.

Richard is keen to serve the New Cranmer Society as president at this important period in the life of our diocese as we seek a godly, orthodox Archbishop to lead us forward in mission during these challenging times. Richard brings to his role a wide knowledge of Melbourne Diocese and an appreciation of its strengths, weaknesses and diversity.

John Batt and Andrew Livingstone

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this all important Archbishopric election in February.

What criteria are we using in seeking a new Archbishop to lead us? As well as the qualifications given by Paul in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, we are looking for:

1. **A leader who will lead for the future** – to help us make the tough decisions needed for the years ahead.
2. **A person of prayer and real spirituality** – calling us to be a people dependant on Christ and not in our own strength
3. **Someone with a love for and commitment to the particular needs of Melbourne** - able to work with the various strands of church life that make up this Diocese, but not captive to any group for the sake of political expediency. Able to make sound judgements and wise appointments on the basis of the promotion of the kingdom of God alone.
4. **A person with a track record in effective pastoral ministry.** Someone who is committed to growing effective parishes of all shapes and sizes, reaching out with the gospel to every sort of community that we find in the multicultural, multi-belief Melbourne of today.
5. **A person of great spiritual maturity and trust in God**

We must also be praying for the Board of Nominators as they do their task. They will bring to the synod in February, three to six candidates for our consideration. Our task will be to seek to discern from amongst those names the one person who most fulfils the principles and criteria we believe to be most important for the sake of the future of this Diocese. .

It is a challenging task ahead of us and I ask you to pray also for the New Cranmer Council as it seeks to assist us all in this process.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and hopefully some times of rest and holiday at some stage over the coming days.

The Aims of the Society

To unite in one association members of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne who adhere to the Fundamental declarations of the Anglican Church and its doctrines, as understood in an orthodox sense.

In the light of the above:

To present considered contributions to Synod , the Archbishop and the Council of the Diocese

To identify and encourage the election and appointment of people to incumbency committees and other Diocesan groups

To co-ordinate co-operative action by parishes and other groups on matters of common concern

To promote the foundation and support of educational funds and institutions

To encourage the study of church history, evangelism, church growth, doctrine and liturgy.

Voting at the Recent Synod

Tim Anderson

Congratulations to the following candidates supported by NCS who were elected to positions at the recent Synod: Andrew Livingstone, Murray Lamont, Sue Bazzana, and Gordon Field were elected to Archbishop in Council; John Parkes and Con Apokis were elected to the Social Responsibilities Committee; Chris Appleby was elected to the Stipends Committee. These were encouraging results as the candidates we supported attracted fractionally above half of the vote. The major achievement of Synod was the passing of legislation reducing the size of Archbishop in Council. We pray that this will result in more harmonious and efficient working of this body, providing better support for our next archbishop.