

The Way Ahead - A new Community Health Project of the Episcopal Church in Egypt

From Dr Keith Russell, Medical Director, Refugee Ministry, All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral, Cairo

Immediately after the signing of the Interfaith Agreement between the Anglican Communion and Al Azhar Al Sharif (the highest Islamic Authority in the Middle East), Archbishop George Carey met with the members of the Interfaith Commissions from both sides to decide the way ahead.

One suggestion was to bring the interfaith dialogue down to the grass roots level by starting Community Service Projects in which Christians and Muslims would be working together serving their community. This would help future generations to recognise the importance of accepting and serving others. It would also create common ground for dealing with their differences in a civilised way.

The tragic events of Sep 11th 2001 changed the world. And tensions between Western Christians and

Muslims worsened. But in Egypt there is an ambitious plan to bridge the widening divide between the two faiths.

One of the four key goals of the Episcopal Church of Egypt is "To be a bridging church with other denominations and faiths". As part of the fulfilment of this goal the Bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Mouneer Anis (a former physician) has been engaged since 2001 with The Inter-Faith Dialogue between the Anglican Communion and Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in Cairo (the intellectual hub of Sunni Islam). One of the main goals of this dialogue agreement is "To encourage institutions on both sides to play a positive role in development". Bishop Mouneer describes the need to move from "conversational dialogue between our two faiths to that of practical dialogue".

The government of Egypt has invited the Episcopal Church to design, build and operate an innovative community health centre in Sadat City, one of Egypt's new desert cities. This request came because -for 90 years - the Episcopal Church of Egypt has successfully run numerous social and medical centres throughout the country. In particular, Harpur Memorial Hospital has served the poorest people of Menouf (in the Delta region) since 1910, and there is hardly a person in the country who hasn't heard of its ministry - to both Muslim and Christian.

Sadat City is 90km north-west of Cairo and growing quickly. Beginning with President Sadat's plan in the 1970's the population is now 100,000, and expected to rise to 500,000 in the next ten years. 80% are Muslim: 20% is



Sadat City, one of Egypt's new desert cities.



The site of the new health centre

Christian. Unfortunately the infrastructure of the city has lagged badly behind this rapid development: the medical services are still rudimentary and geared to expensive, profitable hospital care. The real need of the people, which the local authority realises, is for affordable primary health care offered to all – regardless of faith or income level. The development of primary health care is also now a national priority of the Egyptian Health Care Reform Programme, so this project has come at an opportune moment in Egypt's development.

Also, Dr Ali El Samman, Vice-President of the influential Al-Azhar al-Sharif Interfaith Dialogue has publicly welcomed this new project. In his press release he commented that 'The Community Health Project is going to be an excellent addition to the projects that advance practical inter-faith dialogue between Christians and Muslims'

The Episcopal Church, although not wealthy, is honoured to have been invited to develop these services in the city. The Bishop – Rt Rev Dr Mouneer Anis - has been involved from the outset. Until 2000 Dr Mouneer was the Medical Director of Harpur Memorial

Hospital so he has long experience of developing medical services in the country. Several international consultants over the past years have been invited by the Diocese to visit the city and prepare feasibility studies.

The vision is now clear: to develop a site near the city centre where high-quality, community-oriented, affordable primary health care and community education can be provided. This will be a new type of facility for the city, and indeed for all of Egypt, where most health care is still hospital orientated. A leading Egyptian architect (a Muslim) has drawn up exciting plans. The city council has approved these and the Diocese of Egypt has purchased the land (which was sold at 50% of the true price by the local authority – such is their desire to see this project go ahead). The Diocese has invested \$250,000 in starting the work and has received \$80 000 to date. Now an international appeal is being launched to raise the remaining sum of \$920,000.

In the first phase the centre will have two floors – to include consulting rooms, health education areas, an X-ray facility, a laboratory and some rooms for maternity care. A high priority will be providing women's

health care. Caring for the needs of workers will also be developed, including providing care in emergencies. As finances dictate, the architect's plans include building two additional floors for social services and other medical needs.

CMS-Ireland, World Medical Mission, USA and BibleLands, UK have shown interest in and supported this project. It seems there is interest throughout the Anglican Communion in this challenging and timely inter-faith project.

The Diocese of Egypt believes that the way forward in 'dialoguing' with Muslims is through the church offering love – practically demonstrated. The confrontational approach which has so characterised much of the Western's church's attitude needs now, urgently, to change. And what better way to share Christ's love in these days than by providing affordable health care to people of both faiths.

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A Faithful Presence honoured at last

The presentation to Kenneth Cragg of his Festschrift on Thursday 27 March 2003 was a great success. The event took place in the imposing hall known as the Guard Room in Lambeth Palace by kind permission of Archbishop and Mrs Williams. Guests were greeted by them, and Bishop Cragg himself. These included not only contributors to the book but also prominent figures from Christian-Muslim dialogue in Britain

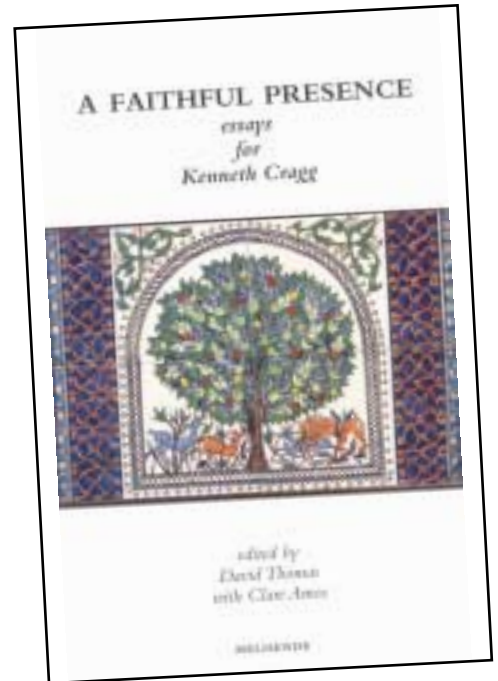


Bishop Cragg with Editor David Thomas

and people associated with Kenneth throughout his long life, including his family and close friends.

The occasion was largely informal, though a few people spoke before the presentation, including the Archbishop. He commented with insight on Kenneth's achievements and with feeling about his career in the Church. He then presented the book, and Kenneth replied. In his typical way he analysed the meaning of the title, *A Faithful Presence*, before touching on the unavoidable matter of the hostilities in Iraq and unrest in the Middle East. Kenneth also paid tribute to his wife Melita (whom he has outlived for some fourteen years) without whom, he said, he might never have embarked on his long stay in the region.

The idea of the book came out of a NIFCON Support Group meeting about a year ago when it was noted that Bishop Kenneth would be ninety in March 2003. The Editor, David Thomas paid tribute to the way in which the contributors had not only agreed with alacrity to write for the book, but submitted their transcripts with speed and efficiency. This had made his task and that of his assisting editor, Clare Amos straightforward. Leonard Harrow



of the Melisende Press had taken up the baton and the whole project had come to fruition remarkably swiftly to enable the double celebration of book and birthday.

A FAITHFUL PRESENCE essays for Kenneth Cragg; edited by David Thomas with Clare Amos; MELISENDE (London E18 2PW); ISBN 1 901764 25 7 424 pages; hardback £30 Available direct from the publisher or via the NIFCON office (see page 2)

Christian-Muslim monitoring – a new NIFCON initiative

NIFCON is mandated to establish a way of monitoring Christian-Muslim relationships – particularly as they affect Anglicans and Episcopalians – whether directly or indirectly. It has now begun to offer such a service – it intends to provide a monthly report that will look at a variety of news media – and analyse how a specific 'issue' within this wider theme of Christian-Muslim relations is being presented in such media. We are well aware that the media can be immensely powerful – and can help to shape people's perceptions, whether accurately or not. It is important therefore both to 'speak truth' about another's faith – and seek to expect them to 'speak truth' about our own. Often there can be a degree of misrepresentation in media reports on religious topics – whether deliberate or not.

Christians in Iraq

Our first report – which looks at the situations of Christians in a future Iraq – has been up on our website for a few weeks now and has been extremely well received by people in several continents who have found it useful. (see www.anglicannifcon.org). Do take a look at it! An edited extract from its conclusions is given below. We will shortly be providing a report on the Christian-Muslim implications of the new constitution of Kenya, and a report on the situation in Sudan will be following after that.

'Christians in Iraq are clearly afraid of the future – and what it may hold for them. Their situation is at the moment very fragile. Sensitivity will be needed on the part of Western Christians as to the appropriate way to respond to these fears and concerns – on the one hand not ignoring them, but equally not placing Christians in Iraq on



Christians in Iraq Photo: Paul Kitagaki Jr./Seattle Post-Intelligencer

a kind of pedestal that encourages Muslims to regard them as natural and inevitable allies of the West. It is probably unhelpful for Christians to be encouraged, for example, into Assyrian nationalist style positions. However it will also be important that mainstream Christian Churches eg the Anglican Communion do not allow there to be a kind of vacuum that is too easily filled by extreme fundamentalist, anti-Muslim groups entering Iraq, under the banner of 'aid'. Careful consideration by both religious and political leadership will be necessary to manage this concern. The potential linkage between the realisation of the fears of Iraq's Christians (particularly those of the Catholic/Orthodox traditions) and the evangelistic/mission orientated activity which is being proposed by Christians from the West is significant and should not be ignored by those in authority.'

Read All About It!

Communications in the Local Situations
Canon James M Rosenthal

Several months ago I asked our readers to submit copies of parish magazines and news letters that, they believed, were effective in their stated purpose. Dozens arrived, all were read, and most were wonderful.

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Caring for the Waters of Life

Reflections from the Columbia River Basin
The Rev'd Canon Eric Beresford

Water is, or appears to be, everywhere - almost everywhere. Our very bodies are composed mostly of water. Water is the cradle and source of life. Without it, biological life is, quite simply, impossible. Of course, there are arid regions of the world, but even they are not wholly without water. There are river systems in most of them and there are aquifers - deposits of water buried deep in the rocks beneath the surface. Even in the driest of deserts it rains sometimes. Added to this human ingenuity has been bent on "making the deserts bloom" Irrigation projects go back before the dawn of recorded history. The oldest projects we know of are over 5,000 years old. Yet water is also

a resource that, until recently, we have rather taken for granted.

The availability of water is crucial to any and all ecological systems. Indeed, it would only be a minor exaggeration to say that the availability of water is the single most important defining characteristic of any ecosystem. The amount of water available, the variations in water present brought about by changes in the seasons or by tides, and the qualities of the water, fresh or salt water, are all essential factors in understanding an ecosystem. The variety of living creatures, the composition of the soil, even the shape of the land will be largely determined by the effects of water in a given natural system.

Availability of water is a defining characteristic of any ecosystem, but in addition to this, the availability of water is one of the most severe limiting factors on the sustainability of our ecological practices. Food production requires enormous quantities of water, especially where food production depends on irrigation. The attempt to make more and more land available for agriculture, to keep up with the demand for food, is already making unsustainable demands on fresh water supplies in many parts of the world. Water is, according to UNESCO, the looming crisis. Canada has one of the highest per capita supplies of fresh water anywhere in the world. Yet based on current patterns

even Canada will face significant difficulties by 2050. Elsewhere the water table is falling dramatically, in the South Western United States, in China, in many parts of Africa, in India. Of course this reduces the availability of water, but it also has many other adverse impacts on the environment.

The looming crisis has made water an increasingly valuable commodity – and as a result of this we have seen a burgeoning trade in water. Under the terms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, water is a commodity, and water hungry nations of the global north have begun to look towards more water rich parts of the world as sources of water for bulk export. When water must be traded freely and at market rates under international trade agreements the result will be that water will go to those with the greatest ability to pay, not to those who have the greatest need, making an already difficult situation potentially catastrophic.

The Columbia River System, spread over 259,000 square miles, illustrates another set of problems related to water. The area, which includes southern British Columbia, Canada, and the states of Washington and Oregon, is one of the most beautiful and resource rich areas of the world. The Columbia River is also one of the most heavily dammed. The dams were introduced for hydroelectric power, for flood control, and for irrigation. At the time they were built they were considered to be “green power”. The story that has unfolded is a very different one. Salmon populations, once believed to be around 16 million, have gone into catastrophic decline and several of the species of Coho salmon that used to swim up the Columbia system to spawn are now extinct. The dams prevented the salmon swimming upstream, and the waters became polluted with agricultural and industrial run-offs. Both the commercial fishery and the traditional ways of life of the indigenous people of the area have been damaged, perhaps irreversibly.

Water is a major and substantial issue that is not being adequately addressed at this time. Yet to me it is all the more surprising that the churches are also failing to give this issue the attention it deserves, because water is not just a resource, it is a symbol. Water is a religious image that evokes and brings together many of the central themes that shape the Christian religious and moral imagination. In the scriptures and traditions of the church water is a ritual symbol, a bearer of images and ideals. It evokes insights into the nature of God, and the human condition. It speaks of the time when God moved over the “waters of creation” to bring all things



into being (Genesis 1:2). It speaks of the link between judgment and redemption, both in the flood and the sign of the rainbow, and in the waters of the exodus (Genesis 7-8, Exodus 14:21ff). In baptism, water speaks to us of cleansing, peace, satisfaction, even joy. The bible even links rivers with the identity of the peoples who live alongside them. Israel is criticized because it rejected the gentle rivers of Shiloah, an image of Israel’s true and proper identity. Instead it will face the floodwaters of the Euphrates, an image of the coming conquest and exile.

We need to look more carefully at some of the images that wrap themselves around our encounters with water. Water has a symbolic even an ethical significance that is quite extraordinary. Yet, water has rarely been the focus of sustained Christian environmental reflection. There hopeful signs. The Roman Catholic bishops of the Columbia River basin region published reflection and study materials on the situation there. Anglicans too need to be involved in their communities

and in their region. What does it mean to us to be stewards of the waters of life? How does this affect our attitudes to water, and to the need for water that all God’s creatures share?

If you have been involved in reflection on issues related to water in your region why don't you let us know. Please Contact The Rev'd Canon Eric Beresford at: eric.Beresford@anglicancommunion.org



The Rt Revd David Hamid, was among an ecumenical delegation from the World Council of Churches that attended the Festival of San Nichola di Bari in Italy.

Team Changes

April saw the arrival of two new members of the team for the Department of Ecumenical Affairs at the Anglican Communion Office. Canon Gregory K Cameron succeeds Bishop David Hamid as Director. David, who held the post for a very successful six years, was consecrated as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe last September. Joining Gregory is Mrs Terrie Robinson, who succeeds Mrs Frances Hiller in the department.

The Ecumenical Department is responsible for staffing and servicing ten Commissions of the Anglican Communion – eight bilateral conversations with other denominations, such as the Roman Catholics and Baptists, and two Inter-Anglican Commissions, one to keep an overview on Ecumenical Relations, and the other seeking to foster a common understanding of Theology across the Communion, the Theological and Doctrinal Commission.

A New Canon

On April 30th, Gregory was admitted to a Canonry at St Woolos Cathedral in Newport in his home diocese by Bishop Dominic Walker, the new Bishop of Monmouth. The Collation was attended by members of the Anglican Roman Catholic Canonists Colloquium, who happened to be meeting in South Wales at the time. The Secretary General, Canon John L Peterson, preached, and, drawing on the background of St Catherine of Siena, reminded Gregory and us all that being a Christian means being committed to working together, even if people start labelling us as saints or fanatics.

Lutherans

The final report of the Anglican Lutheran International Working Group (ALIWG), Growth in Communion, has now been published by the Lutheran World Federation. The report was first presented at ACC-12 in Hong Kong last September, and will be presented at the Lutheran World Assembly in Winnipeg later this year. It reviews the progress being made in relationships between Anglicans and Lutherans across the world, and the different kinds of local agreements that are

being formed as well as pointing the way to the future. Next year will see the appointment of a new Anglican Lutheran International Commission, with plans to implement the recommendations from the current report. Read about the current report on the Anglican Communion website.

Are you interested in Theology?

Then try out the Six Propositions. The Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission has been going through a process to try and identify the common theological method and framework which holds us together as Anglicans. First, they asked us the Four Questions, which were sent to every diocese in the Communion, and which asked how people thought about the idea of "being in Communion." Now they have developed six propositions about how Christians should relate to one another, and likewise have asked every diocese and theological seminary to offer answers by the end of June. You can try them for yourself on the Anglican website, and your answers can be sent into the Ecumenical Department at ACO.

Encyclical

You may have heard that the Pope has issued a new Encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, in which he re-iterates the old discipline that Roman Catholics should not share the Eucharist with other Christians, except in highly exceptional circumstances, such as the danger of death. This has disappointed many Christians – Catholic and non-Catholic – whose own practice has gone far beyond the letter of the law. The Anglican Communion Office is commissioning a study of how the Encyclical may affect local ecumenical relations, and we would be pleased to hear from you about your own experience.

Dry Bones

On a more positive note, the Fourth Colloquium of Anglican and Roman Catholic Canon Lawyers took place in St. Davids in Wales at the beginning of May. The name "Canon Law" is the name applied to the whole body of church rules, and many people find the very idea boring, whilst the canonists themselves see their subject as trying to apply theology



Bishop John Baycroft, centre, receives the thanks of the Secretary General, Canon John Peterson at a goodbye party at Partnership House. Bishop Baycroft faithfully served the Communion during the vacancy in the Ecumenical Office. His was deeply appreciated by staff and by people involved in the Ecumenical and Theological programmes.

to the practical life of the Church. What has surprised the lawyers – who have links with the Angelicum University in Rome, or with Cardiff University in Wales – is how much Roman Catholics and Anglicans share in common when you look at the rules of their respective churches. The canonists are now embarking on some work with IARCCUM (the

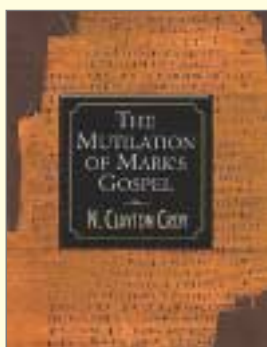
Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission) to explore just how much the canon law encourages or allows sacramental sharing between the two churches.

Local News

We'd be very interested in featuring more about ecumenical initiatives around the world in future editions. Do let us know if you have any particular interesting story that you feel should feature in these pages.



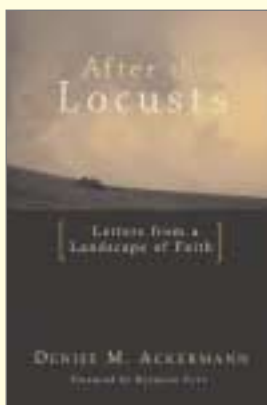
New ACO Staff member Canon Gregory Cameron, right with blue cape, at his installation as honorary canon of Monmouth Cathedral, Wales.
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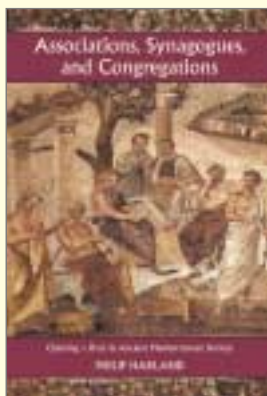
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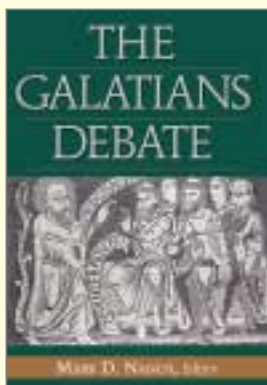


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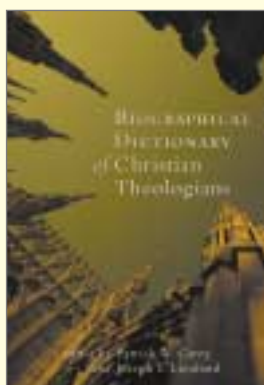
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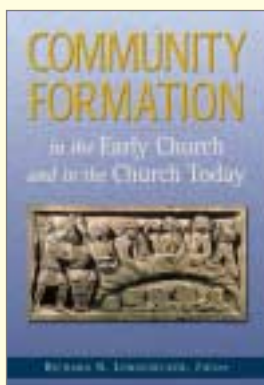
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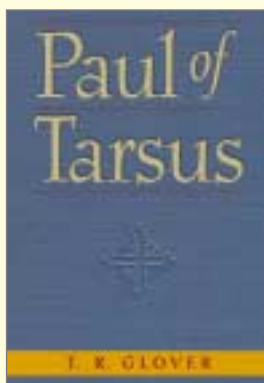
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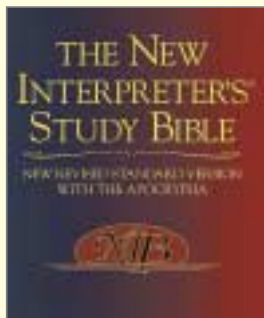
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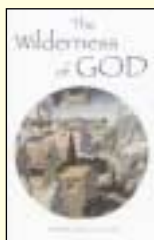
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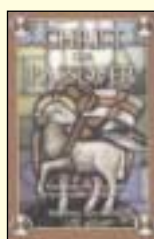
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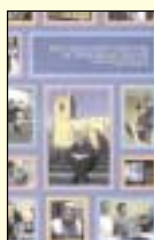
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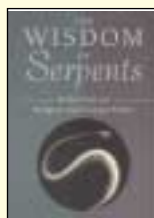
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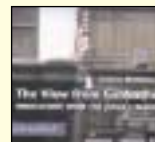
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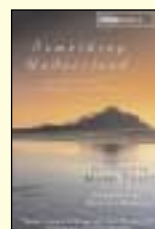
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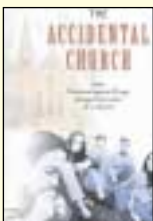
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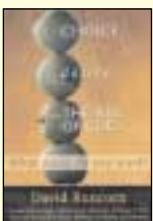


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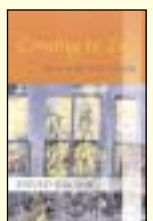


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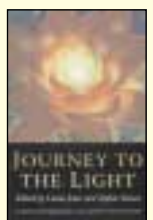


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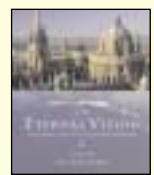
by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. Bishop Pierre Whalon writes of this book: "Those who seek God tend to find satisfaction more in the details of ordinary life than in

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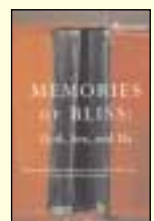
ON THIS ROCK- by Stephen Cotterell. This is a book designed to be read by new Christians who want to grow in their faith and for more experienced Christians who want to re-set the compass of their discipleship. The author is Canon Pastor at Peterborough Cathedral. The book focuses on the character of the Apostle Peter and how his life can relate to a disciple today. Published by Bible Reading Fellowship.

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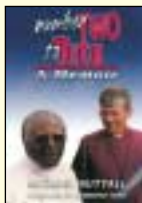
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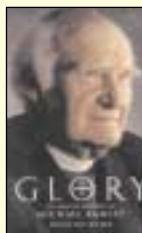
This book tells a story involving two South African church leaders, Desmond Tutu and Michael Nuttall, during a dramatic and decisive time in the history of their country, the 1980s and 1990s.

Tutu was, and is, well known and acclaimed across the world, firstly for his courageous prophetic witness against apartheid and all it stood for, and secondly for his chairing of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Nuttall was Bishop of Natal when Tutu was Archbishop of Cape Town. His election in 1989 to be the bishop next senior to the Archbishop meant that he was drawn into a remarkable partnership. The author has opened the curtains on some intriguing and transforming situations in which he and Desmond Tutu became involved. His account indicates how the church, though its leaders as well as in other ways, played an important part in South Africa's journey from being a racist tyranny into acquiring a new democratic dispensation. Nuttall also shows how the church attended to its own challenges at the same time. Tutu writes: "I hope that this book will encourage many to consider that goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hatred, light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death, and that God is all in all." Michael Nuttall lives in retirement in Pietermaritzburg. He was Bishop of Natal from 1982 to 2000 and Bishop of Pretoria from 1976 to 1981. He was Dean of the Province in

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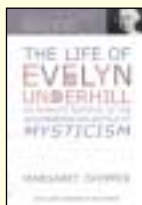
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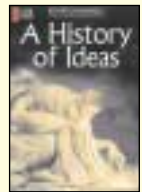


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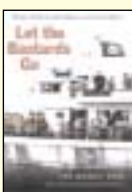


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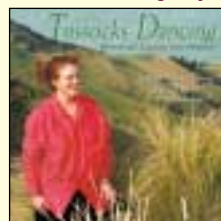
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