



Rev. Jackie Stoneman,
Director of Studies

A word from *Jackie*

Dear Friends,

God answers prayer!

To many of you this may seem a little obvious, but everywhere we look at College, we see evidence of this answered prayer.

We prayed for more students, and in first semester, we have seen over 30% more people enrol than ever before. In the number of individual units taken, that number rises to over 45%!

We prayed for the ability to provide extra technology, and due to the generosity of many donors, we have been able to outfit the second lecture room with a huge screen and computer.

We prayed for a special person to teach Pastoral Care, and God provided the wonderful Di Morgan to impart her wisdom to a new batch of students. Now, more than fifty people have signed up for the Pastoral Care Course this semester!

We prayed for more staff to teach our ever-increasing range of subjects. God sent us Sarah Kinstead to begin her time with us by teaching the brand new unit, Pastoral Evangelism. This unit shows that the combination of evangelism and pastoral care shows the love of Christ through study of the Bible and practical care.

God also sent us Mark Wormell, whose ground-breaking research on seeing people converted to Christ while suffering dementia has made many people take stock of their old ideas. His unit, Ministry With Seniors is not to be missed!

We have, since the College began, prayed for more and more opportunities for women

to minister wherever God saw fit to place them...in their churches, their communities, their workplaces, their families. Thanks to the strategic thinking of our parent organisation, Anglican Deaconess Ministries, we have welcomed the first of many trainees who are now being supported and trained, so they can take on more ministry opportunities, especially in outreach to those who do not yet know the Lord Jesus.

Thanks also to many generous people, we have been able to offer a number of scholarships for Certificate courses. This means that many women who would be precluded from study with us because of financial issues, can now study to their heart's content, and to the glory of God as they put their studies into practise in their homes, churches and workplaces.

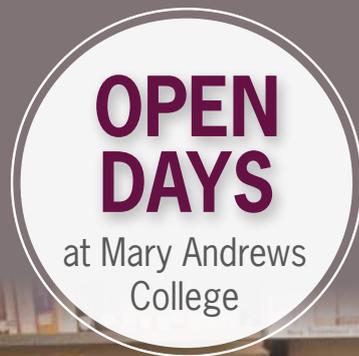
Those of you who pray for us, please join me in thanking God for all these wonderful things.

With the apostle, I can truly say:

***I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel....
Philippians 1:3-5***

In Christ's Service,

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Join us to experience a taste of life as a Mary Andrews College student.

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When: 10am-12pm

Tuesday 23rd June
Wednesday 24th June
Friday 26th June
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Thursday 2nd July

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Gillian Davidson

Mary Andrews College and Anglican Deaconess Ministries

- A Marriage Made in Heaven?

Mary Andrews College. We know it well. A place of warmth, acceptance, wise teachers, fun fellowship, women from all over the Diocese and beyond. Classes each week, each fortnight and

- Anglican Deaconess Ministries. The schools, homes and hospitals previously operated by the Deaconesses were all sold to Hope Healthcare in 2008, so the ministry of ADM changed considerably. Mary Andrews College became the flagship ministry of the organisation, along with grants and bursaries to allow women to study theology more deeply, support for indigenous ministries, ministry to female city workers, and support for ministries to older people.

Intensives that are...well...intense!

But Anglican Deaconess Ministries? What's that?

It's a long story, so we will try to sum up. In 1885 the Sydney diocesan Synod passed a resolution in favour of Deaconess work. The Church of England Deaconess Institution Sydney was founded in Sydney on 17 August 1891.

The Deaconesses wasted no time. Their stated aim of "evangelization and furtherance of women's work in the church" began with the purchase of several properties on which were established hospitals, training facilities for girls and schools. In 1913, number 20 Carillion Avenue in Newtown was purchased with the aim of housing women who wished to be trained theologically and then to become deaconesses. Called Deaconess House, it continued to look after women students until 2008, when the newly named Mary Andrews College (re-named in honour of the college's longest-serving principal) moved into premises at Stanmore where women would continue to be Biblically educated up to Diploma level. Those who wished to study to degree level would now do so at Moore College in Newtown.

In January of 2010, Mary Andrews College found it's new home in the heart of Sydney....in St Andrew's House, right next door to the cathedral, above Town Hall station.

All this time, the Anglican Deaconess Institution Sydney Limited was supporting and overseeing the work of the College. In 2011 ADISL became the slightly more manageable ADM

In 2014, the Board of ADM made the significant decision to train mature women for ministry in a way not previously available to that cohort. They decided to dedicate \$1.8 million over three years to train and support as many as 60 women to work with churches in their communities, evangelising and providing practical help. The first of these trainees have begun both their studies at College, and their part-time work at their churches.

Gillian Davidson is the Chair of Anglican Deaconess Ministries. As such, she devotes huge amounts of time and thought to guiding ADM into the ever-changing waters of ministry possibilities. She says!

I love this organisation.

I love the fact that, for generations, God has worked through the most extraordinary women who have bought the message of the gospel of grace and hope to community in Sydney through both word and deed. Not many people know about these godly pioneers. Of course it was never meant to be a secret, but like so much of what women do we just get on with it and are fully immersed in the "doing". The work of Mary Andrews College is one of the most exciting examples of that. This semester 190 women (and a few men) are enrolled in 259 units, covering everything from the book of Ezra to early church history, to ministering to those with a disability. We have over 50 people enrolled in our Pastoral Care Course! This course, which teaches people the biblical basis of caring as well as practical skills such as listening, dealing with conflict and encouragement helps take the pressure off clergy and other church workers, as it encourages lay women (and men) to serve in and build

The Scholarship Winner

Eve Pillon found Mary Andrews by accident. Or was it?

As she tells the story:

My friend rang me to say she was going to an Open Day at Mary Andrews College, and would I like to meet for lunch afterwards. I decided that, in order to spend more time with my friend, I would sit in on the Open Day with her.

It became pretty obvious to me that day, that God was doing a big shift in my life. So I stopped what I was doing to begin the Pastoral Care. This first Pastoral Care unit has been so much more challenging than anything I've previously studied. I love that it is so firmly Word based! To top things off, I have been given a Mary Andrews College Scholarship to get me through the studies!



Mary Andrews became Head Deaconess in 1952, in 1953 she was appointed to Principal of Deaconess House.

1954

Buildings at 20 Carillion Avenue, Newtown, purchased and made ready for students.

1992

To and by the Aging (TABA) Committee formed to support ministry to and by seniors.

1885

The Synod passed a resolution in favour of Deaconess work.

1913

Site in Newtown chosen for Deaconess House.

1916

Deaconess House dedicated for God's service

1966

Mary Andrews wing and Deaconess House Chapel open and dedicated.

1891

The Deaconesses began work!

The Ministry Wife

Marcelle Rodgers has worked alongside her husband Peter for many years as a missionary and in parishes. She knows a lot, has seen a lot, and yet she signed up to do the Pastoral Care Course this year.

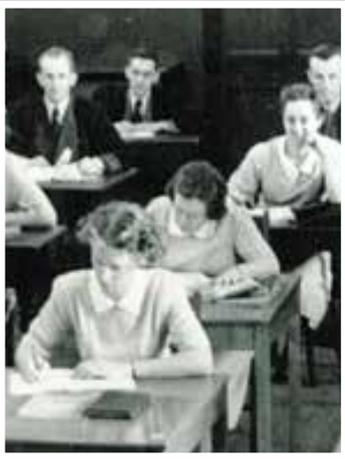
You can always learn to do pastoral care better! I've heard about this course, and wanted to do it, for years. Now I'm at a new season of life where study is possible, so I'd love to continue on and do a diploma! So far, I've really been reminded of basic truths and skills and attitudes to have. You have to keep being reminded to listen better, for instance! I've often felt the need to have all the answers. But I have been reminded again that people are not always looking for answers, but a listening heart.

I'm looking forward to being taught pastoral care by the other women in the class. I'm delighted and excited that there is such a mixture of people in the class who will bring a richness to the learning, and sharing from their angle of being in church. As a clergy wife, I often have a different view. I know that my time at College will help boost my passion for ministry.



The Rev. Mervyn Archdall and his wife Martha (pictured) were the founders of the Deaconess Institution ministry in Australia.





1960's



2014

2014

Mary Andrews College sees record enrolments, and looks to the future.....



2011

ADISL changes its name to Anglican Deaconess Ministries.



2010

ADISL and Mary Andrews College move in to St Andrew's House in the city.

2009

Grants Committee and Scholarship and Bursary Committee established.



2008

College offices move to Stanmore. Jackie Stoneman succeeds Narelle Jarrett as Director of Studies.

1998

Mary Andrews College begins regional classes.



1997

Name changed from Deaconess House to Mary Andrews College.



The Rector and the ADM Trainee

Michael Williamson is the rector at Shellharbour City Centre Anglican Church. He was one of the ministers we contacted to see if there was a woman in his congregation whom he would like to see trained and up-skilled in order to take the gospel out into the disadvantaged areas of Shellharbour.

He had just the person- Yvette Torr!

When we asked him how it's all going he said,

Excellent! Yvette's new role has been welcomed with open arms by everyone at the church. They really understand the importance of outreach.

She is spending the first six months of the year just going out into the community and making connections. From women's

clinics to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, to council initiatives, to Anglican Aid, she is looking for places to connect, befriend and understand the opportunities that are available.

As for Yvette, she's loving it!

It's a bit daunting because there are so many options in the community. But time and patience will show where it's best to put our resources.

Meanwhile I love my days at College. I've always been a novel reader, but now as part of Early Church History, I'm digging in to the classic Christian writers...I can't get enough! All the study I've done over the past few years has been by distance education. It's so nice to interact with real people, and being in a real classroom is just amazingly wonderful! The lecturers are great, my classmates are wonderful. I'm so thankful for everything.