



## News from the Anglican Centre · August 2015

Greetings folks

I took part in a lovely little ceremony at the Nelson Seafarer's Mission yesterday (Thursday) to induct Franz Murbach as the new chaplain to Seafarers. It is exciting because it marks a new development in the life of the Mission here in Nelson. You will all be aware that a year or so ago the Standing Committee of the Diocese took over the Governance of the Seafarers because of the difficulty finding people to fill the positions on the committee. David Hollingsworth, Russell Smith (from Standing Committee) and Meryll Hodgson (from the Anglican Centre) acted as a sub-committee of Standing Committee to restructure the Mission and create a new vision. They have done a stunning job and identified two very distinct roles in moving forward: a co-ordinator of volunteers (James Nelson will continue in this recrafted role) and a chaplain (to be more upfront about what this mission is). Rev Franz Murbach (a parishioner at Richmond) has been a volunteer for some years and really felt called by God to take up this new role. And so the ceremony yesterday!. Franz finished with a very moving little speech at the end by quoting some verses from Psalm 139: *Where can I go to escape from your Spirit... even if I fly to the uttermost parts of the earth you are there...'*

All clergy will now be aware of the ordination that is taking place on Sunday evening 9<sup>th</sup> August at Nativity. Deborah Paton will be ordained as a non-stipendiary Deacon in the Parish of Blenheim South. Susan Howarth will be ordained into a Missional Diaconate working within the Mission Order of St Paul – out of Nativity Church in Blenheim. And Lynda Moses will also be ordained into a Missional Diaconate – within the Diocese of Waiapu and the cooperating parish of Omokoroa. Bishop Andrew Hedge will be joining us for Lynda's ordination.

These ordinations come at the end of the weekend celebrating the first convention of the Mission Order of St Paul (MOSP). I am thrilled that Bishop Justin Duckworth, the Bishop of Wellington, has agreed to be our keynote speaker at this convention.

Two very special parish visits last month.

Golden Bay turned on a combined service at Takaka and it was especially moving to see the level of unity that Ian and Karen Thatcher have achieved during their ministry over there. I think Ian even appreciated having the Bishop with him even though I made them book a place for dinner that had a large screen so we could watch the Super Rugby final!

Last weekend was over to Picton to the two lovely congregations there and an amazing pot-luck lunch. Richard Dyer took Hilary and me out to see the work that has been done refurbishing the historic little Church of 'St John in the Wilderness' in Koromiko. The work carried out so lovingly on this Church has had a huge impact on the local community.

In between these two visits I remained in Nelson to officiate (together with Archdeacon Andy Joseph, Rev Jeff Cotton, and Fr. David Gruschow) the annual Blessing of the Fleet. It is incredibly moving for me to invite the 1000 or so who gather at this event to join me in the blessing by lifting their hands out toward the fishing fleet and have almost the whole gathered crowd do so. It is unashamedly a Christian ceremony that takes place down at the Port and yet no-one complains – and even the National radio carried a four minute excerpt the next day. There is still an opportunity if we handle it sensitively and appropriately.

I want to acknowledge Natasha Glenderran's very unique ministry at Tapawera over the years that she has been there – as part of a ministry team under Allan Wasley as Vicar. Natasha has certainly endeared herself to the local community and has been highly respected as 'one of the boys' in the local volunteer fire brigade. The Principal of the local school wrote to me expressing deep disappointment at losing Natasha – all of which speaks of the love in which she has been held by the local community. It's unfortunate yet quite understandable that Standing Committee made the difficult decision it can no longer sustain a stipendiary ministry in the township. Natasha finishes at the end of August.

Please note the School of Theology advertised a little further on in this Ad Clerum. BTC is in the middle of a radical re-visioning that I am so excited to be a part of. This College is a gift to this Diocese and we are together considering how best we can facilitate the College's vision of developing 'Visionary, servant leaders.' I am looking forward to what might be presented at Synod to signal the way forward. The BTC Foundation is also holding an evening Friday 4 September – 'hear about BTC and the foundation and how you can be part of our vision' (flyer attached with this Ad Clerum). Please advertise this in all your parishes.

I was hoping that you would get to meet Gowi Odera from the Nairobi Bible Chapel in Kenya who was to spend 4 weeks doing interregnum ministry at Mapua and also link in with BTC. Gowi arrived last week and attended the commissioning of Franz as Chaplain to Seafarers Mission. He also preached at Mapua on Sunday. However we advise today, Monday, that his wife has suddenly been taken ill and is in ICU in Nairobi. Gowi travels back to Nairobi today. Please pray for them.

With every blessing

+Richard

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

- For Jennifer and Gowi Odera
- For those being ordained as Deacons on the 9<sup>th</sup> August at Nativity: Deborah Paton, Susan Howarth and Lynda Moses.
- The Parishes of Motueka, Blenheim South and Spring Creek, at different stages of their parish consultation and nomination process and for those committed to assisting as interregnum priests.

## **EVENTS & NOTICES IN OUR DIOCESE & COMMUNITY**

(refer also to 'Ministry Education' for details of training events coming up)

**Way2Go** - *Scripture Union Training for Children and Families Workers*. Saturday 15 August 9.30- 3.30pm St Stephen's, Tahunanui

**Clerical Directories** – available through Anglican Centre office Cost: \$27.60 (incl Gst & Freight)

**Ordination service** – Nativity Church, 9<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. A pot luck tea at 5pm. All are welcome.

**Harvest of Grace (celebration of 150 years)** – There are a few copies of our Harvest of Grace 'Celebration of 150 Years' book left which are available at a price of **\$15 per book**. Also available is the New Every Morning DVD **for \$8**. Or.. **Both can be purchased for a total of \$20**. A great history of the Diocese and could make a special Christmas present for someone. Please contact the Anglican Centre office 548 3124.



### **BTC 'School of Theology' – Disciples and the reign of God**

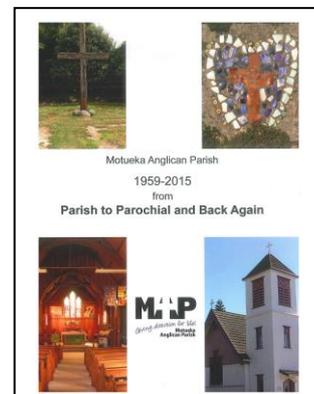
A chance to engage with serious thought about being Christian disciples, without it being too heavy. Public Lecture – Wednesday 12 August, 7.30pm St Barnabas Stoke. Daytime talks and discussions – Thursday 13 August, 9.30am-4pm St Barnabas [www.bishopdale.ac.nz](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz) No Charge.

**CLMC – 6-9 October Kings College, Auckland Common Life Mission Conference: 'Mission Together'**. The theme is: **Mission Together**. It is hoped that at this conference, people will learn about serving in Mission together, and will form alliances, partnerships and networks in mission, as all eat, drink, breathe, sleep, learn and dream Mission together. Up to 50 workshops focusing on different aspects of the 5 Marks of Mission will be held, including presenters from all over the world and Mission Partners serving in different parts of the globe. The Conference will also launch a "Decade of Mission" for the Province. All are invited to participate! Together, we'll become a Missions Community! Please visit [clmc2015.org.nz](http://clmc2015.org.nz) for more information and to register.

**BTC Presents 'An Evening of Entertainment & /Vision'** Friday 4 September 7.30pm at All Saints. Come along to hear about BTC and the Foundation and how you can be part of our vision. Featuring songs from the shows by Bishop Richard and Hilary Ellena and others. More information with Ad Clerum email attachments and by contacting BTC office: 548 8785 or [office@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:office@bishopdale.ac.nz)

**Surprised by the Holy Spirit** – Rev Dr Edgar Mayer will be visiting Westport 1-4 October for a series of Worship services and to lead a Holy Spirit Seminar. St Johns Anglican Church, Lyndhurst Street, Westport. Ph: Rev Steve Wockner 03 789 8348 or [bulleranglican@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bulleranglican@xtra.co.nz)

**Motueka Parish 1959-2015: 'Parish to Parochial and Back Again'.** You'll enjoy this updated history of the Motueka Parish which can be purchased for \$25 (p&p free). Contact the parish office 035288825, 101 High Street, Motueka.



## **MINISTRY EDUCATION**

Hi Everyone,

I am now on sabbatical until November. If you have any questions about ministry education please contact Fran at BTC ([office@bishopdale.ac.nz](mailto:office@bishopdale.ac.nz)) who will put you in the right direction. David Hollingsworth is taking the EQUIP sessions for the remainder of the year. Also please can you fill in and return the short questionnaire I sent out about EQUIP and return this to Fran.

God Bless - Graham

### **TRAINING EVENTS**

#### **EQUIP MINISTRY EDUCATION**

EQUIP is part of Diocesan ministry education and is designed at an appropriate for anyone to attend to learn about ministry skills. **Please advertise these in your parish and invite current and future ministry leaders to attend.**

#### **Marlborough: (St Christopher's)**

- **Aug 22: Unit 10 Prayer** (David Hollingsworth)

#### **Nelson/Waimea (St Stephen's Tahunanui)**

- October 17: Unit 10 Prayer (David Hollingsworth)

#### **Mawhera**

- October 31: Unit 10 Prayer (David Hollingsworth); St John's, Westport)

#### **Post Ordination Ministry Development (POMD)**

POMD is on a Thursday and starts at 10am (coffee from 9.30 unless stated).

- August 13/14 School of Theology
- September - No POMD - Synod
- November 6 (Friday) - Willow Creek GLS2015 - will have a group "Nelson Anglican" booking
- November 19-20- Bishop's Retreat

#### **Willow Creek GLS 2015**

In order to get a good group registration rate I have pre booked and set up a Nelson Anglican Group for the Nelson GLS, Friday Nov 6.

You can now register yourself and others from your church (lay and ordained) following the instructions below. You do not have to pay as this will be covered by Ministry Education.

<http://willowcreek.org.nz/product/gls-2015-conference-individual-rate/>

From here, people choose Nelson, number of registrations they want, then 'add to cart'. They then need to enter the coupon code: **Nelson Anglican** 'Update cart' - then 'proceed to checkout', where they can enter their details and also details of any others they are registering at the same time.

#### **T4T training conference**

Church Army NZ is delighted to invite you to a **T4T training conference** in Auckland from **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> October**. With proven, experienced trainers such as Chuck and Deb Wood from USA, and Tim Scheuer and Dave Milne from Australia, as well as Kiwi input, all participants will spend each morning being trained together in T4T skills and principles, using current best practice. After lunch together, we will partner with three

Auckland churches in different parts of the city, and visit homes to identify Houses of Peace, establish Discovery Bible Studies, see people give their lives to Jesus, and plant churches. Finally we gather in our three locations to debrief.

### Up and Coming Events

- Trans-Tasman Rural Ministry Forum – Early 2016.

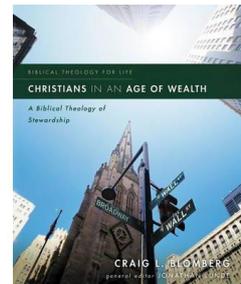
### Recommended Books

#### Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship

Paperback [Biblical Theology for Life](#)

By (author) [Craig L. Blomberg](#), By (author) [Jonathan Lunde](#)

In this book, Craig Blomberg addresses the tough questions about the place and purpose of wealth and material possessions in a Christian's life. He points to the goodness of wealth, as God originally designed it, but also surveys the Bible's many warnings against making an idol out of money. So are material possessions a blessing for which we should long? And what are the dangers that the use or abuse of material possessions can produce? Blomberg expounds upon how the sharing of goods and possessions is the key safeguard against both greed and covetousness. He expands on the concept of giving generously, even sacrificially, to those who are needier, demonstrating how Christians can participate in God's original good design for abundance and demonstrate the world-altering gospel of Christ. Is there any one key to keeping possessions in their proper, God-intended perspective? Are there limits on how rich we should become or on how poor we should allow others to get? What does a truly Christian economic system look like? How does the Bible's teaching on wealth fit into the gospel?"

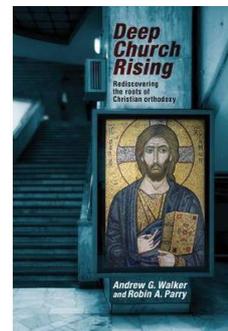


#### Deep Church Rising: Recovering the Roots of Christian Orthodoxy

Paperback

By (author) [Andrew G. Walker](#), By (author) [Robin A. Parry](#)

The divisions between conservative and liberal Christians leave many confused and disillusioned. This book shows how we can overcome those divisions by recovering what C. S. Lewis called 'deep church'. Draws on the best of the major traditions, making fresh connections between 'right believing', 'right worship' and 'right practice'. The major cultural changes in Western societies since the Reformation have created a serious challenge for the Church. Modernity in particular has been inhospitable to Christian orthodoxy and many have been tempted to reject classical versions of the faith. This has led to a division within churches that Walker and Parry name 'the third schism,' a divide between those who embrace what C. S. Lewis called 'mere Christianity' or 'deep church,' and those who do not. This book is a call deep church, to remember our future, to make a half-turn back to premodernity. Not in order to repeat the past but in order to find often forgotten resources for the present. Embracing the spirituality of deep church, according to Walker and Parry, is the only way that the church can be true to its calling in the midst of the postmodern world.



### Rural Ministry Article

This a very good article on Rural Ministry. As one of our regional deans has said "a document that really appreciated what it is like at the coal-face"

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/channel/utilities/print.html?type=article&id=129573>

### RESOURCES

#### NEW Resources now available.

If you know of any good small group resources please let me know so we can update our supply. **EQUIP** DVDs are also available at Holy Trinity, Greymouth and St Christopher's, Blenheim for loan. **Please let your small group leaders know about these resources by passing this list on.**

NAME	TYPE	LOCATION
Network Course	DVD	Anglican Centre
Survivors Guide to Hell Pt 2 Rob Harley	DVD	Anglican Centre
Transformed – Rick Warren	DVD-book	Anglican Centre
Son of God Movie	DVD	Anglican Centre
Missional Small Groups – Scott Boren	Book	Anglican Centre
Making Small Groups Work – Henry Cloud and John Townsend	Book	Anglican Centre
Christianity Explored	DVD+book	Anglican Centre
Discipleship Explored	DVD -book	Anglican Centre
Soul Handbook – Older teens/Young Adults (Christianity Explored youth series)	DVD-book	Anglican Centre
CY (11-14yr; Christianity Explored)	Book	Anglican Centre
Animate “Practices” – Children Ministry Resource – Spiritual Practices. Spark House Publications	DVD+book	Anglican Centre
Phil Trotter Mentoring (POMD)	DVD Also <a href="https://vimeo.com/125527525">https://vimeo.com/125527525</a>	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
Julie Hintz SafeHere 3 and 4 (POMD Oct 2014)	DVD Also Session 3 <a href="https://vimeo.com/125010455">https://vimeo.com/125010455</a> Session 4 <a href="https://vimeo.com/125010454">https://vimeo.com/125010454</a>	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
Brian Rosner (School of Preaching 2014) How we read, interpret and apply Scripture	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
EQUIP Handling the Bible Updated version	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library St Christopher's and Holy Trinity Greymouth

**Online: via BTC/ Diocesan websites “Resources” sections.**

BTC has now established a platform to make video presentations available at [www.bishopdale.ac.nz/resources](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/resources).

**Questions on Theology and Science.**

**BIOLOGOS** is an organization founded by Francis Collins, of dedicated evangelicals committed to the relationship between the Christian faith and science. They have a new site for “pastor resources” which has very good resources for many of the difficult questions people ask. Check it out <http://biologos.org/news/september-2014/new-pastor-resource-Centre>.

**ISCAST** (Institute for the Study of Christianity in an Age of Science and Technology) is an Australian organisation (with many NZers and expats) dedicated to exploring the interface between science and the Christian faith. Its membership consists of scientists, theologians and professionals with standing in their own fields and a commitment to the Christian faith. Their website has many good resources that tackle many questions about science and faith. See <http://www.iscast.org>.

**InterChurch Bioethics Council.**

The **InterChurch Bioethics Council** (ICBC) is composed of appointed representatives from Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the purpose of addressing crucial ethical issues in NZ relating to bioethics <http://www.interchurchbioethics.org.nz>.

**SOCIAL SERVICES ENABLER**

Hello everyone,

Please be advised that there are only a few weeks left to apply for Tindall Foundation funding this year as applications close on 1 September. The total for distribution will be \$20,214.00 to our Diocese this year. The Foundation recently celebrated 20 years of philanthropic giving in NZ at a function in Auckland which was attended by many guests including fund managers. The national



church was represented by Mrs Jan Rogers, Divisional Manager of Community Development, Christchurch Diocese who currently chairs the Anglican Care Network, which is the contracted funding manager for the Anglican Church.

First October is the closing date for funding from ACCT (social services) funds this year.

A small group convened by Rev Charles Tyrrell has been set up to review the funding guidelines for Seniors' Ministry in the Diocese. If you or your Vestry or parish folks/staff engaged in this ministry wish to make any comments/suggestions/stories of their experiences/ways to develop or expand this ministry please forward these to Rev Charles via email [opm@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:opm@nelsonanglican.nz)

If you are aware of personal/families in need at this time, I want to hear from you - the Diocese has limited funds available which may help families who are finding life tough at the present time. Please get in touch to discuss with me yourself or ask your pastoral care person to make contact.

Blessings to you all - Gerrie Mead, Social Services Enabler

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY (CFM)**

### **Upcoming Training:**

#### **Way2Go**

*Scripture Union Training for Children and Families Workers*

Saturday 15 August 9.30- 3.30pm

St Stephen's, Tahunanui

*Programme includes: Energise your preschool programme; Object Lessons; Live the Bible; Leaders 2Go; Ages and Stages; Art and Craft*

PLUS: ALL Ages TOGETHER

## **ENABLER FOR OLDER PERSONS MINISTRY**

By the time you read this I shall have begun my 65<sup>th</sup> year! I have another year to go before I am eligible for the Superannuation but whatever age I am I will continue to minister in fulfilment of the call to ministry I received as a child.

I see this same determination when I have the privilege of meeting friends in our parishes. Indeed, a lot of people view retirement (at whatever age it occurs for them) as a release to be able to minister utilising their God-given gifts and talents for the cause of the Kingdom. My appeal is to all our parish leaders to ensure that Christians of all ages are encouraged to serve our God to the best of their abilities.

I hope you enjoyed some of the stories about ministry for older persons included in the current Witness magazine. The two accounts mentioned there on pages 12-13 exemplify the quality of ministry that is on offer. Well done to the team of people in every parish who are working to fulfil our diocesan strategic plan. In the document 'Towards a 2020 Strategic Plan' it has this:

To liberate the ministry gifts of older people.

- Strategic Intent: To respect and value each older member of the church. Caring for those who can't care for themselves and encouraging every single member to discover where God is calling them to ministry involvement.
- Strategic Outcome: To observe increasing numbers of older members discovering an outlet for their faith, wisdom and energy.

How are you fulfilling this in your parish? Can you do any more? Can I help you in any way?

Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for older people in need in these cold winter days.

Best wishes,  
Charles Tyrrell

## **YOUTH COORDINATOR**



It's time! Time to rally your youth, find that bishops log and remember where we put the cup, train and work on our interpretive dance moves and get ready for an amazing weekend! This year's theme is 'Fan into flame' and we'll be cracking open 2 Timothy looking at our potential as followers of Christ and how we can become all we can be. Spring Camp '15 Friday 23 to Monday 26 October / Bridge Valley, Wakefield.

### **Spring Camp news headlines:**

- Our special guests will be announced soon via the website and facebook
- David Riddell will be speaking again along with some top local Anglicans
- The Spring Camp band will be back and City of Light might play a night as well
- There's a rumour that we booked Zorb soccer and it's most likely true
- Prices this year are super cheap thanks to an awesome Bridge Valley deal!

Posters along with registration and leaders details will be mailed out this week - if you would like extra posters just let Luke or Nathan know.

**Nelson / Waimea Combined youth nights** this term are Friday 21 August (With a spotlight capture the flag style night) and Friday 25 September with a youth service hosted by All Saints. Remember to book these in when planning the term ahead!



This is a national conference for all of our Anglican youth leaders and young up and coming leaders - happening again at El Rancho in Waikanae 28-30 August with a range of quality presenters (Mike Dodge, Scottie Reeve and Spanky Moore to name a few) and youth ministry movers and shakers as well as over 200 other Anglican youth leaders to catch up with. The band City of Light will be back on worship as well!

If you're a youth leader and keen to go, the Nelson Diocese has put together a travel package for you (meaning all flights will be paid) but this year we will be asking leaders to fund their own rego - your parish should be able to cover this for you.

**Check out more of this events details on the Resourced website**

<http://www.anglicanyouth.org.nz/theabbey>

### **Dates to diary for up and coming events Term 3**

**The Abbey:** Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August (Nelson leaders group info May)

**Charge Nelson:** Thursday 24 September / 8.30am-10.00am

**Charge Marlborough:** Sunday 27 September / 3.30pm-5.30pm

**Synod:** Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 September in Westport - calling all youth reps!  
Term 4

**Spring camp:** Friday 23 to Monday 26 October (Registrations / info out term three)

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NATHAN HUGHES: Youth Assistant Mobile 021 1103 322 [youth.assist@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:youth.assist@nelsonanglican.nz)

## **BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY**

**Mark Durie – Which God? Jesus, Holy Spirit, God in Christianity & Islam. Australia : Deror Books, c2015.**

Dr Mark Durie is a theologian and human rights activist who has researched Christian-Muslim relations. In this book, Dr Durie explores the concepts of God in both faiths. "More and more people are asking whether the God of the Quran (Allah) and the God of the Bible (YHWH) are the same. What is the truth?"

**John Ortberg – All the places to go. How will you know? : God has placed before you an open door. What will you do? Illinois : Tyndale House, c2015.**

Everyday God places before us open doors. How we choose to respond to these doors will "ultimately determine the kind of life we'll live and the kind of person we'll become."

Ortberg encourages us to embrace the "divine adventure" and to walk through the open door, as we "just might do something that lasts for eternity".

### **Quote for the day:**

"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." C.S. Lewis

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

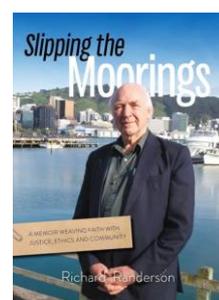
**Annual Vaughan Park Residential Scholarship** – The Governance Board of Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre invites applications for the annual residential scholarships. Applicants may be lay or ordained, will hold a recognised level of tertiary education, be committed to an approved subject of study and able to be resident at Vaughan park for the period of the scholarship. 3-month periods available March-May and July-Sept. Also being received are applications for **Scholars and Writers Opportunities** for three separate residences of one month each: February, June and October 2016. Applications for the 2016 Scholarships close 3 September 2015. For application and conditions of grant, please contact The Rev John Fairbrother 09 473 2600 [director@vaughanpark.org.nz](mailto:director@vaughanpark.org.nz)

**Slipping the Moorings:** by Bishop Richard Randerson. His memoir 'weaving faith with justice, ethics and community.'

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## **VACANCIES IN OUR DIOCESE**

**Motueka Parish** – Vicar (Full-time)

The Motueka Parish is a loving and caring parish with a diverse congregation. They are ready to move to the next level and seek a new Vicar who can enliven and move them forward. They would like someone who is prepared to make a long term investment in achieving this vision with them. Application form and Parish profile available by contacting the Bishop's office. Ph: 03 548 3124 or [bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz)  
Parish profile: [www.nelsonanglican.nz](http://www.nelsonanglican.nz)

**Please note:** Closing date for application has been extended to Monday, 31 August