

COMMUNITY FORMATION TUESDAY:

CHAPEL: Today is Open Day and we look forward to having Myk Habet share with us as we are led in our time of worship by Brian Bonnar and Francois Viljeon.

TUESDAY LUNCH: NIKKI DENHOLM

Nikki Denholm's camera lens has seen a lifetime of stories. Her images, captured across 30 countries, tell the tales of those often unable to speak for themselves. Nikki's unflinching drive for justice has seen her publish large format works and fundraising exhibits, granting a much-needed voice to the voiceless. Her health background has seen her work as a consultant for the New Zealand Ministry of Health specialising in gender issues amongst migrant/refugee women. This has led her to work across numerous African countries partnering with key international women's organisations working against traditional harmful practices. She founded both the New Zealand Female Genital Mutilation Education (FGM) Programme and the NZ National African Refugee HIV/AIDS Education Programme in the 1990s. Nikki was appointed as an FGM Technical Advisor for the WHO, Geneva in 1999.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER

At 12:40pm each Wednesday we come together in the Chapel for a time of prayer. Please feel free to come along to join staff and students.

For the next 5 weeks we are taking some time to pray for different student groups, both current and future, this week is 'Mission Track Students'

Facilitator this Week: George Wieland

A BIG THANKS

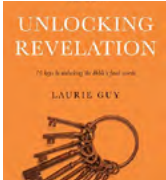
Thanks heaps to everyone who helped make the 90th Celebration such an excellent day! It was much appreciated by all those in attendance.

A LIBRARY HISTORY

If you didn't see Siong's piece on the College Library last week... you'll find it here. Thanks for your work on pulling this together Siong! Thanks heaps to everyone who helped make the 90th Celebration such an excellent day! It was much appreciated by all those in attendance.

UNLOCKING REVELATION

Laurie Guy's second book on Revelation (Unlocking Revelation: 10 Keys to Unlocking the Bible's Final Words) has just rolled off the printing press. If you'd like a copy they are available for \$20 each at Carey reception.



OPEN DAY BREAKFAST

Don't forget that everyone is invited to our Open Day Breakfast on Tuesday morning. Breakfast is served from 8:00am to 8:45am. We look forward to the return of the Bagel Bar... as well as having a chance to talk to potential new students! Come along, bring someone that should be studying at Carey if you'd like, and enjoy!



Open Day

Tuesday
11 October 2016
8.00am - 3.00pm
473 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland

- Pastoral Leadership
- Youth Pastoral Leadership
- Applied Theology | Missions

Join the Carey Community for a simple, relaxed, informative day. No bottom-lines to sign. No special programmes. This is us... as we are.
8:00am | breakfast with staff and

SENDing 2016

Come celebrate our students completing:

- Pastoral Leadership

Thursday
27 October 2016
7.00pm - 9.30pm



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FACTS, MEMORY, AND 'WHAT REALLY HAPPENED'

During my sabbatical I had the privilege to visit Israel, where I spent a gap year 20 years ago. I met up with old friends, worshipped in the church I used to go to and saw the place where I had worked as a volunteer although the Christian ministry I used to know back then no longer exists in that form. Before my trip this year I re-read the journals I kept of my time in Israel and was surprised that certain incidents completely faded from my memory, while others got telescoped into a few days when they actually happened weeks apart. Details of events have faded but, as I sat with an old friend in Haifa this year and we exchanged news, it occurred to me afresh how much that gap year has impacted the course of my life.

I have always known that it was a significant time for me, but it struck me with new

force how strong the connection was between getting a taste for in-depth Bible study then and my later sense that God wanted me to teach the Bible. Neither did I appreciate just how much my later choice of OT specialisation, which I took for granted as the most natural thing, was strongly influenced by my exposure to the Old Testament during that year in Israel. The facts were all there but I never connected the dots. Time and distance has given me a deeper understanding. It occurred to me that my journal only gave half the story, and even that only in a piecemeal fashion. I could detail times, places and names but I could not make sense of them in a way I can today. I was simply too close to the events I described and preoccupied by concerns that no longer matter now.

It reminded me of discussions I have with students in the classroom, who worry about dating books of the Bible late because they feel that somehow being closer to the events in time makes the descriptions more

authentic and 'true' describing 'what actually happened'. Perhaps in terms of accuracy early may be better, although even such fresh accounts select details that seem important for the writer at the time and often choose them from a more limited perspective. When we ponder the theological significance of events, hindsight and longer reflection on their meaning enriches our understanding in ways that are not possible when we are in the thick of them. It is true, in later retellings some details fade or merge into each other because they have no particular relevance, but others may be cast in high relief. Facts are important but they can only provide a skeleton of 'what really happened'. It is as we engage with them over a long period of time that the story of what God is doing in our lives emerges.

Csilla

Lecturer - Old Testament