



August 2018

Dear Friends,



Rachel and Ziggy

We're so excited to introduce Ezekiel Thomas Williams – our first grandchild. Tom and Mia welcomed Ezekiel – “Ziggy” into the world on Wednesday 25 July. He weighed in at a neat 7.2lb and is an extremely cute little guy. Rachel thinks he looks exactly like Tom did 27 years ago. David thinks all babies look like Winston Churchill.

Thank you so much for your prayers for us all. Mum and baby are doing well. Tom expects to have a couple of weeks off work as everyone settles in to new routines. Mia has taken a year's leave from her work and has been looking forward to the extended break. We are thrilled about being grandparents and are excited about this new stage of life. Please pray for Tom and Mia as they adjust to being parents.

GAFCON

Rachel and I had the great privilege of attending GAFCON – the Global Anglican Future Conference – in Jerusalem in June. This is a gathering of leaders from around the world who seek to define Anglicanism in terms of biblical and ethical orthodoxy. Half of the nearly 2,000 participants were from Africa. We loved meeting up with former colleagues from Kenya and old friends from the UK. Singing God's praises with such a large group from every corner of the world was inspiring. The sense of unity throughout the conference was remarkable. The mission seminars were particularly encouraging. We spent a day in Jerusalem before the conference started – just enough to whet our appetites and leave us longing for the chance to visit Israel for longer.

England

After GAFCON we had a flying visit to England to spend time with family. Jonathan gave us a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. We saw his office and got a glimpse of what life has been like for him over the last year. He has loved the CARE internship and is hoping to find a job in Parliament that would enable him to stay on in England for another year. Please pray that he would find a suitable role. It was wonderful to spend some precious time with our parents in Harrogate and Basingstoke.

St Andrew's Hall

We returned to Australia a week before the new semester began at St Andrew's Hall. We have welcomed 11 new trainees who will be heading to Singapore, Taiwan, Cambodia, South East Asia and the Middle East. As always, we appreciate your prayers that we would love the new group of trainees well and that they would be thoroughly equipped for long-term mission.

We are edging slowly forwards in our building redevelopment. It's very exciting that we have just been granted our planning permit, so another key milestone has been passed. We have been working with our architects in the design and development stage of the project. This has involved getting into the detail of what we would like to see in each room: questions like how many metres of shelving we need in the library, what size fridge in each apartment, how much storage space. We still need to raise a considerable amount of money before the CMS Board will have confidence to press a "go" button – we are praying that the project would not get too delayed and will continue under the current timeframe.

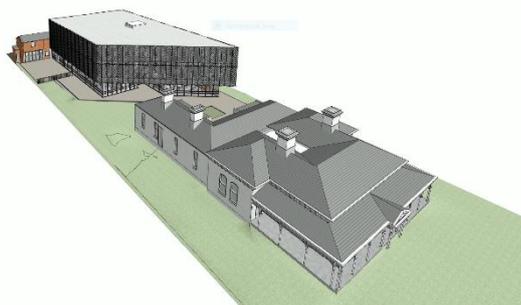
Once the project is given the go-ahead, we will be faced with a mountain of work. The most pressing issue will be planning to move the whole of St Andrew's Hall to another site where we will operate for at least 12 months.

This semester I will be teaching a class in mission at Ridley College, the evangelical Anglican theological college in Melbourne. Ridley is our next-door neighbour at St Andrew's Hall and we have a long and fruitful partnership. This will be a new challenge for me, that I am very much looking forward to.

With our love and best wishes,

David and Rachel

EXTERIOR VIEW
AERIAL VIEW



Architectural Image of our Redevelopment

PRAYER POINTS

Thank God for:

- For Ziggy's safe arrival
- The encouragement of GAFCON
- Time with family in England
- The planning permit for the St Andrew's Hall redevelopment

Please pray:

- That Ziggy would always grow up knowing and trusting Jesus; and for Tom and Mia as they get used to being parents.
- That God would provide the funding we need to redevelop St Andrew's Hall.
- For a job role for Jonathan now that his CARE internship has finished. He would love to continue working in the Houses of Parliament.
- For David teaching Mission Perspectives at Ridley College

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