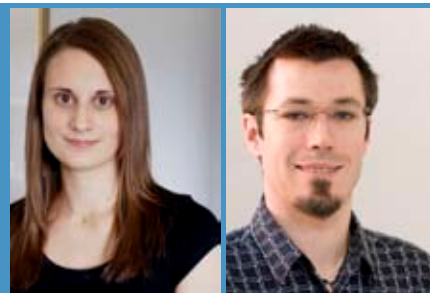


Meet the new MAPpers

At ES/AFES North Terrace we're delighted to be involved in MAP (the Ministry Apprenticeship Programme). This is a 2-year course designed to give young men and women the opportunity to "try out" vocational ministry. This year Lauren Hull and Matt Cranwell have joined the team and we thought you'd like to get to know them a little better ...



TT: Welcome to the ES/AFES North Terrace staff team! Is this your first time on campus?

LH: I studied Arts (History Honours) at Adelaide Uni from 2004 - 2007. In 2008, I moved to UniSA City West and studied a Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Management. So, if I'm really pedantic... this is still my first time on campus, because I've never really left!!

MC: No – but it's been a while! I was at Adelaide Uni from 2000 - 2004 studying a double degree in Mechatronic Engineering together with Maths & Comp Sci. Yes – it was nerdy; but no, I don't play with robots at home.

TT: How were you involved in ES as a student?

LH: I was involved with all the usual ES (EU, back in my day!!!) activities... going to talks, bible study groups, FAT, Commencement Camp, MYC, Jesus Week & NTE. I was a bible study group leader for a few years and led the Commencement Camp team in 2007. If you are graded on ES involvement, I'm pretty sure I would have scored a HD!!

MC: I was involved in various ways, firstly as a member, then as a Bible Study Group leader, as the coordinator for Mission Breakfast, and in my final year, as Treasurer.

TT: What have you been doing since your undergraduate studies?

LH: Well... between finishing my Library studies last year and starting MAP this year, I enjoyed my final summer break as a student!!! That meant roughly 3 months of doing very little besides eating, sleeping & watching lots of TV.

MC: I worked as an Aircraft Structures Engineer at BAE Systems (that basically meant designing upgrades to the Australian Army helicopters). Since leaving Uni I also met (& married) Alison, my wife of just over 1 year.

TT: Why have you decided to do the Ministry Apprenticeship Program (MAP)?

LH: During my time as a student at ES I was challenged to consider vocational ministry. Having decided that this is

something that I do want to do (and realising that I really didn't want to be a librarian!!) MAP sounded like a great opportunity to get a taste of what vocational ministry might look like. Hopefully I will come out the other side of it with a clearer idea of how God might use me in ministry.

MC: Alison and I are looking toward overseas mission as an option for our future; Alison is studying to be a doctor, and I have the option of using my engineering skills. However, we also recognise the need for involvement in 'word ministry', so my time with ES on MAP will be learning about university ministry and hopefully acquiring some skills I can use in the future.

TT: What are some of your fears and hopes about being an ES/AFES staffworker?

LH: #1 Fear... that I'm not up to the job. #1 Hope... that God will use me to lead uni students into a saving knowledge of Jesus

MC: Fears would have to be that I won't keep up with these young students! I would also have to add that some of the difficult situations & questions asked by students are pretty daunting. I hope to be an encouragement to the students, and I look forward to being able to disciple, share in experiences and equip students for a lifetime of serving God. I also hope that this time will enable me to develop good habits with regard to my own faith and maturity as a Christian.

TT: How can we pray for you?

LH: Please pray that:

- God will sustain my energy and enthusiasm for my work
- I will be a godly example to the students in both my faith and life and;
- I do all things for God's glory alone.

MC: Please pray that Ally and I can adjust to the changes in our time demands this year and next, both with my work at ES, and with her shifts in hospitals. Please also pray for wisdom in my conversations with students, and that I can faithfully and lovingly care for students.

O Week at Adelaide Uni

This week in O Week ESers asked students to fill in a survey designed to expose misconceptions about Christianity. The test was pretty short (and included the bribe of a free “red frog” lolly to anyone who would complete it). It proved to be a great conversation starter, and we’ve reproduced the survey for you to try out yourself. If you’d like to see the results you can go to <http://adelaide.es.org.au/orientation>.

THE RED FROG QUIZ

How much do you really know about Christianity?

Choose the answer you think Christians believe is correct, and then pass your answers on to someone with a blue ES T-shirt for your free red frog!

1) A Christian is:

- a) Someone who believes there is a God
- b) Someone who is committed to following Jesus as their King
- c) Someone who follows God’s commands
- d) Someone who has been baptized

2) Right and wrong is determined by:

- a) Christians
- b) The Bible
- c) Each individual
- d) Religion
- e) Church

3) Which of these does the Bible say is bad:

- a) Sex
- b) Beer
- c) Dancing
- d) Speeding

4) What must you do to ‘get into heaven’?

- a) You should go to church every Sunday
- b) Visit your Grandma at a nursing home
- c) You must try to live a (generally) good life.
- d) You don’t have to do anything
- e) You must be generous and self-sacrificing

5) Christians follow:

- a) The Pope’s Teachings
- b) The Bible
- c) Jesus
- d) The Church’s Teachings

6) Christianity is:

- a) One of many religions that lead to heaven
- b) God’s plan for salvation
- c) A particular type of worldview
- d) A system or rules

7) Becoming a Christian means:

- a) God will solve all your problems
- b) Facing ups and downs
- c) Having Less Problems
- d) Entering a convent for life

RED FROG QUIZ - ANSWER SHEET

So how’d you do? Find out where you went wrong, or why you were right:

1) A Christian is:

- b) Someone who is committed to following Jesus as their King.

Although Christians respond to Jesus’ commandment to be baptised, baptism does not (and cannot) make someone a Christian. In the same way, merely believing there is a God is not the sign of a Christian. Finally, while it is true that Christians do desire to follow God’s commands, it is not this that makes someone a Christian. A Christian is someone that allows Jesus to be the ruler of their life, and follows Him.

2) Right and wrong is determined by:

- b) The Bible.

We live in a world which believes there is no ultimate right or wrong, as it is left to each individual to decide. However, Christians believe in the authority of the Bible. We believe that in it, God shows us how to live - although none of us on earth will ever get it right all the time.

3) Which of these does the Bible say is bad?

- d) Speeding

Often people think becoming a Christian involves giving up all kinds of fun and following a set of rules. Nothing can be further from the truth. The Bible does not say that sex, beer or dancing are wrong. Although these things can be used in bad ways, God gives us these things to enjoy.

The Bible does, however, teach that we should obey the authority of our leaders and rulers (as long as their law does not conflict with God’s law) – hence speeding is not right according to the bible.

Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. (NLT)

4) What must you do to 'get into heaven'?

d) You don't have to do anything

Yes, that's right, by doing nothing! Christians don't go to heaven by doing good things (or "works") such as being generous, going to church, or visiting grandma! Christians believe that there is nothing that they can do to be saved. Christians rely on Jesus taking the punishment for wrongdoings, so that we don't have to be held accountable for what we have done.

Of course, this doesn't mean everyone gets to heaven – if you don't want Jesus to take the punishment for your wrongdoings, he won't.

Galatians 2:16

Man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. (NIV)

5) Christians follow:

c) Jesus

Christianity is not about following some rules set down by the church or the Pope, but is all about following Jesus as your Lord and saviour. This means seeking Jesus and following his example.

6) What is Christianity?

b) God's plan for salvation

Christianity is not one of many religions that all lead to the same place. Christianity is the only way to be saved. While it does give Christians a worldview, it is more than that. Christianity is God's great plan for salvation.

7) Becoming a Christian means:

b) Facing ups and downs

Many people think that becoming a Christian means that God will solve all your problems or that you will have fewer problems in life. However, the Christian life is not always easy. Christians still face ups and downs and problems. What Christians do believe, however, is that one day Jesus will return, and all of our problems will be no more.

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (NIV)

"Blue Week" at City East



UniSA's O-week involves a travelling road show, which visits each of the 4 campuses for only 1 day during the week. This year, ESers at City East displayed their enthusiasm by committing to advertise on campus for not just 1 day like all the other groups, but for all 5! This meant that there was only competition for

attention on 1 day and we had more opportunities to make contact with people on campus. As the name for the week suggests, our stand was completely blue, and with our blue banners, blue cupcakes, blue surveys and blue T-shirts we were pretty hard to miss!

Throughout the week, we talked to many people walking past, encouraged people to fill out the survey on misconceptions on Christianity and gave out free food which was received well considering free food is generally a foreign concept at City East. 46 people filled out the survey and 36 people signed up to ES during blue week. It was exciting to almost triple our numbers in sign ups and also to have a few men sign up (something we have lacked at City East in the past!) The week ended with a celebration at Cocolate where it was encouraging to see a few people who we had met during blue week as well as many old timers come along and enjoy the evening.

This year, we are running 'prayer triplets' on campus. Prayer triplets involve meeting together for an hour a week to have a devotion and then pray for each other. They are a fantastic opportunity to get to know other Christians on a personal level and for individuals to grow in their faith.

In late breaking news we've also decided to start up a City East Bible Talk on Wednesdays at 12. It's great for us to have an established presence on campus. Please do pray that many would be able to hear God's word proclaimed in this way.

Most exciting is that a number of those who we met in Blue Week who were interested in finding out about Christianity have begun meeting with ES students and staff to read the bible. Please pray that God would be kind and gracious to them and would save them too!

Rachel Grace

OTIII/ES City East President

Where are they now? ~ Paul Green



1. **I was at ES** from 1973 - 1992

2. **I studied** botany, before going on to research and teach Botany and Environmental Studies.

3. **My favourite memory of ES** was ... most memories are

hazy! One big adventure does stick in my mind however, and that was travelling to the 1974 National Conference at the University of New England. In those days it was held in January. The Adelaide contingent travelled by bus to the conference. This would normally be an uneventful activity except that 1974 was a year when the Murray-Darling basin was in flood. We had to detour to Armidale via the coast. The conference was memorable for teaching on an intellectual par with university study.

Although some memories are hazy, many of the people from that era are not as I still have regular contact with them from a variety of church and ministry contexts. It is also greatly encouraging to see the children of these people attending ES in recent years.

4. **I go to church** @ St Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church Glenelg where I am involved with children's ministry.

5. **During the week**, I run my own environmental consulting business and do AFES administration. I am also an Adjunct Lecturer in Environmental Management at Flinders Uni.

6. **The best thing about my job** is that it provides opportunities for direct stewardship of God's creation, in particular via wetlands which clean urban stormwater for re-use in response to drought/climate change. Whatever the direction of my environmental work I am reminded of the following (paraphrased) verse from Habakkuk. "Though there are no grapes on the vine and the fields produce no food, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour."

7. **I live with** Barbara. I know it sounds clichéd but we met at an AFES Dinner. However, the cliché does not fully hold as we met as graduates not students. We have a daughter (married to Ryan) who is a member of Flinders ES. (And if you want to continue the clichéd theme, their relationship first began on an ES Commencement Camp!)

8. **For R&R** I botanise and read.

9. **What I miss most about ES** is not much (given that I still spend time on campus and in AFES ministry!)

10. **My 2 cents worth to current ESers** is to absorb the teaching on offer and seek out the whole counsel of God; equip yourselves for a lifetime of sustainable service; and make friends for life from among the Christian professional community.



From the Senior Staffworker...

Thank you, once again, for your prayers and support of the ES ministry on North Terrace.

We've had a terrifically encouraging start to 2009, with new staff on board and new students settling in to the group.

After a great commencement camp and O-week (see inside for some details of O-week at both Adelaide Uni and UniSA City East) The Bible Talks and Bible Study Groups have gotten underway with good involvement in both ministries.

It's with great joy that I can report that we've restarted a Bible Talk at City East (the first in over 6 years) as part of establishing a stronger Christian presence on that campus.

Likewise we've been able to get nearly all of the 10 or so ES students at City West into a single bible study group (ie they have a common meeting time!)

Most importantly, please pray particularly for the ongoing evangelistic contacts we've been having this year. As this goes to press I'm reminded of "Janet" who has been meeting up with staffworker Lauren Hull and City East Secretary Anya Kutchen to read Luke's gospel together. Please ask that God would convict her of the truth of the gospel by the power of His Holy Spirit!

Geoffrey Lin

PS For this edition's "where are they now" we're meeting a long-term AFES member who is well known to most!