

Papers of Rev. William J. Lawton

William (Bill) James Lawton was born in 1934 in Sydney. A graduate of Moore College, the University of London and the Australian College of Theology, Bill also completed an MA at the University of Sydney and PhD from UNSW in 1985. From 1976-1989 he was Dean of Students and later Chapel Master at Moore College, while lecturing in History and Liturgy, Koine Greek and Ministry in an Australian Context. Bill served as Rector of Mulewa-Yalgoo in WA from 1967-1969, and from 1989-1999 was Rector of the Parish of East Sydney. This parish included the churches of St John's, Darlinghurst, and St Peter's, Woolloomooloo, which was deconsecrated in 1993 and sold to SCEGGS. Bill was also Chaplain to SCEGGS Darlinghurst and Elizabeth Lodge Retirement Village, Kings Cross. Bill was a member of many committees of the Australian General Synod and Diocese of Sydney Synod, including the Inner City Committee and the Liturgical Commission. From 2001-2007 he was the National Chaplain to Mission Australia. Bill is the author of many articles and publications including *The Better time to Be: Utopian Attitudes to Society among Sydney Anglicans, 1885-1914* (UNSW Press, 1990) and *Shaping a Prayer Book for Australia* (Prayer Book Society, 2010), and delivered the Annual Moore College Lectures in 1986: *Being Christian, Being Australian*.

Creator	Series title	Description	Date range	Extent/volume
W.J. Lawton	Testamurs	Moore College, BD University of London, Th.Schol. ACT	1959- 1963	2 framed certificates, 1 unframed
	Correspondence		1956- 2010	
	Personal papers	Biographical article by Neil Marks (1998), order of service for induction at Christ Church Gladesville, CV, gift prayer book from Christ Church parishioners, photographs	1969- 1998	0.5 box
	"The better time to be: utopian attitudes to society among Sydney Anglicans, 1885- 1914"	Manuscripts and annotated typescripts	1987- 1988	1 box
	Articles and essays	See list below		1.5 boxes
	Lecture and Bible study notes		1960s- 1990s	1 box
Chaplain of SCEGGS Darlinghurst	Prayers and orders of service for school chapel		1990- 2000	0.5 box
Liturgical Commission	Correspondence	Mostly relating to the revision of A Prayer	1982- 1996	0.5 box

– General Synod		Book for Australia		
	Minutes and reports		1984-1996	1 box
	Draft and photocopied liturgies, some annotated		1984-1996	1.5 box
Moore College Faculty, Executive Committee, Council, Board of Studies	Agendas, minutes, reports	Some annotated	1984-1997	1 box
Australian College of Theology Council	Agendas, minutes and reports		1984-1995	0.5 box
ACT Board of Diploma Studies	Agendas, minutes and reports		1985-1992	1 folder
	Syllabi and course notes for ministry and church history subjects		1975-1990	1 folder
	Exam papers and essay topics for ministry and church history subjects		1945-1991	1 folder
	Student essays for church history and D.Min. subjects		1981-1993	0.5 box
	Correspondence and reports relating to students' fieldwork for the Dip.Min.		1977-1984	1 folder
	Correspondence relating to preparations for the Australian Bi-Centenary celebrations		1985-1986	1 folder
Church Army in Australia	Agendas, minutes and reports	Includes memorandum and articles of association	1986-2004	0.5 box
Bush Church Aid Society	Agendas, minutes and reports		1977-1993	0.5 box
Diocese of Sydney Inner	Agendas, minutes and reports		1970-1996	0.5 box

City Committee				
Diocese of Sydney Social Issues Committee	Agendas, minutes and reports		1988-1995	0.5 box
Diocese of Sydney South Sydney Regional Council	Agendas, minutes and reports		1996-1998	2 folders
Arranging Committee for the second national Anglican AIDS Consultation	Minutes and reports, related news clippings		1993-1995	1 folder
Sydney Synod Committee on Evangelical Anglicanism	Minutes and reports		1990	1 folder
Sydney Area Deanery	Minutes and reports		1990-1999	1 folder
New University Colleges Council	Financial statements		1980-1994	1 folder
	Minutes, agendas and reports		1984-1995	2 folders
	Memorandum and articles of association		1960	2 volumes
Robert Menzies College board	Minutes, agendas and reports		1984-1995	0.5 box
New College board	Minutes, agendas and reports		1984-1989	0.5 box
Anglican Home Mission Society Parish Support and Development Division –	Minutes, reports and agendas		1989-1991	1 folder

Planning Advisory Committee				
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Articles and essays:

The use of the Old Testament in the early church – 1950s, manuscript notebook

History essay: Account for the rise of tyrants in Greece – 1950s, manuscript

The work of the Holy Spirit – manuscript, 1950s

The laying on of hands in the Pastoral Epistles – typescript, 1960s

The laying on of hands in the ministry of the sick – photocopy of manuscript, 1960s

Confirmation in the light of Prayer Book revision – typescript, 1960s

Church Union in Canada – 2CH broadcast talk 16/10/1966, with related news clippings

The bases of union documents of the Uniting Churches and their statement of Christology – 1960s

The gospel according to St John – 1960s

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1489-1555- typescript with annotations, 1960s

To what extent do problems of personality assist in answering the question “Is God knowable?” – manuscript, 1960s

Scholar in theology exam – dogmatics essay: The creeds and formularies of the church are too much in the debt of a Greek metaphysic, which is irrelevant to modern thought – typescript, 1960s

God the Father- typescript, 1960s

The Christian and changes in the pornography laws – text of a broadcast given on 2CH – typescript with annotations, 1964

Prayer Book experimental services – address to the Anglican Church League, St Bede’s Drummoyne, April 28, 1967

A brief introduction to the meaning of holy baptism in the Church of England – typescript, 1960s

Ecumenical relationships – talk delivered at Parramatta Rural Deanery Conference, September 18, 1970

The history and practice of confirmation in the Church of England, with special reference to some relevant passages in the Book of Acts and the Pastoral Epistles – typescript, 1971.

Cranmer: the man who gave us the English Bible and Prayer Book – article in Australian Church Record, October 19, 1972

Church and congregation: an examination of some of the findings of the Synod Commission “Looking into the parish” – manuscript, 26/4/1973

Using the Bible – a question of methodology – typescript, given at Young Evangelical Churchman's League, 28th September 1974

Acts chapter 7 – The new temple – a sermon preached at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide, on Sunday August 31st, 1975 - typescript

M.A. essay, history seminar: R.H. Tawney (1880-1962) – typescript and manuscript, 2 copies, 1977

M.A. essay, history seminar: G.A. Wood (1865-1928) – typescript, 1977

M.A. essay: Adelaide as a distinctive urban community – manuscript, 1978

M.A. essay: Australian urban history – Larrikinism in the 19th century – manuscript, 1978

M.A. essay: Review of The Roman mould of the Australian Catholic Church, by John N. Molony – manuscript, 1977

M.A. essay: Urban society in Australia – typescript, 1978

Essay: Manning Clark: a theologian in search of a soul – manuscript, 1977

The Moore College Library Lecture 1981: "That woman Jezebel – Moore College after 25 years" – typescript with annotations

The Anglican Church in Sydney and the temperance movement (late 19th to early 20th century – typescript, 1980s

Conference on church and society, held at Figtree, 8 November, 1985 – typescript

Chapel and community: Faculty Conference paper – typescript, 1985

Moore College Commencement of Ministry Address: Building on foundations that others have laid – typescript, 1986

The meaning of worship: a personal view – paper read at Moore College faculty conference – typescript, 1986

Life and death and the challenge to ministry: a Christian response to Australia's population crisis – Moore College School of Theology 1989

Hearing the accents of Asia – 1989

The doctrine of the church: towards conceptual clarification – 1980s

The four-term year – typescript with annotations, 1980s

Review of ABC religious programs, radio and television – typescript, June 5, 1989

Synod Committee on the meaning and place of the sermon: Draft report 1 – typescript, 1989

Catholic-Anglican dialogue at the micro level: working as partners in inner urban mission (Halifax-Portal lecture) – 7th May 1996

Early Church History to 451: Bibliography – compiled for Moore College students, 1990

Address to Synod - 1992

A response to Broughton Knox's paper – Moore College School of Theology - unfinished typescript, 1986

To the father through the features of men's faces: address at St John's College for the sesquicentenary of the first Jesuits in Australia – 24/4/1999

Xianity in the 21st century – St John's Darlinghurst, 1999?

William Walton's Belshazzar's Feast: script for program break

Conscience and constitution

Evangelization, values and aboriginal reconciliation

The theology of Australian Anglicanism – essay included in Anglicanism and Society: Australian Anglican History Seminar, 1999

A matter of tradition and design – the theology of Australian Anglicanism: some key tensions – typescript, December 2000