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Mayfield Camp – Photo courtesy of Jordan Green

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

9th – [SCC Training, North](#)
16th – [Women leaders event](#)

MARCH

2nd – Ordination and
Celebration Service

APRIL

8th – Children's Ministry
Training Evening

MAY

3rd & 4th – [CMS World
Mission Conference](#)
18th – Bible Forum, Burnie

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UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our God is a god of new beginnings. In Lamentations 3, he says that mercies are new every morning, and that his faithfulness is great.

2018 was a challenging year for all of us, so how encouraging to step into a new year with new beginnings and new mercies all around, because of God's steadfast love and faithfulness to us.

One of the new beginnings is a new look *Tasmanian Anglican*. We hope that having this publication, which began in 1862, available on a new electronic platform will make it financially sustainable, while still bringing news of what God is doing around the Diocese.

I am encouraged as I hear parishes and sector ministries, schools and chaplaincies, looking for new beginnings this year. God is refreshing his church, and we are seeing so many wonderful examples. I hope you will be inspired with some refreshing stories as you read on.

It is great to welcome two new Rectors, Phil Coghlan at Burnie and Ruth Hanlon at Tarooma, and a new Curate for Burnie, Alastair Crouch this year. Please be praying for them as they commence new ministries.

I hope you will all join us in St David's Cathedral on Saturday March 2, at 10am for our new Diocesan Celebration and Ordination Service. It should be a great occasion for the whole Diocesan family including children, finishing with lunch on the lawns.

With warm wishes in Jesus.



Photo courtesy of Matt Garvin

CAROLS BY THE BEACH

Revd Kim Beales, St Mark's Anglican Church, Bellerive

With a Big Bash game scheduled at Bellerive Oval for Christmas Eve we needed to adjust our plans at St Mark's. I suggested we host "carols before the cricket", where people could sing carols at the local beach-park and then head into the game. I pitched it to some local ministers who liked the idea, but for multiple reasons it didn't get the green light.

After further prayer and exploration, we were awarded a Clarence Council grant to host "Carols by the beach" in early December.

The story of this event is all about answered prayer. God provided for every need at every stage, as six churches on the eastern shore banded together to host the carols.

Clarence Lions Club cooked a barbecue, picnics were shared, the rain held off and a great crowd gathered despite a strong wind chill.

The production was outstanding, and the feedback was consistently celebratory.

We had stepped out together in faith to share the story of Jesus' birth in our community and God had blessed us along the way.

"Most of all, people were thanking God for unity among the churches, saying, 'let's do this again next year!'"

MAYFIELD CAMP

Jordan Green, Mayfield Camp Director, Anglican Camping Tasmania

The week was fantastic, with excellent talks from Joe Thompson around the "Ultimate Questions" of the Christian faith, brilliant weather for enjoying God's creation, and good vibes from campers and leaders alike.

Wrestling with why there's evil and suffering in the world to wrestling a carrot to chop for dinner, campers got pushed in their journey with Jesus and physically out of their comfort zone whilst camping outdoors.

Camp ran from the 3-9th of January. Apart from the 38°C scorcher on the 4th, the weather was blessedly perfect, allowing the main concern for the campers to be what they thought about Jesus, instead of if their tent was going to rip.

Whether it was the day at Front beach, making their group tables, or playing theatre sports around the bonfire, the campers and leaders alike enjoyed camp to the fullest.

One highlight from a camper named Zac was hearing us ask the same questions he had about God, and then answering them in a way he felt confident he could share with his friends! Other highlights included kayaking on the mighty Buxton River, playing Mafia, and braiding leaders' hair.



BLESSING



IN HIS WORDS

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I felt like a displaced stateless person in Bangladesh and since arriving in Hobart I have found my faith and a community.

While staying at backpackers' accommodation near St David's Cathedral, I was handed an invitation to Alpha. With free food on offer and the opportunity to 'explore life, faith & meaning' I had nothing to lose.

The Alpha videos were fantastic, and I enjoyed the group discussions. I was free to ask questions and express a different point of view. I was invited to

church at St David's and was warmly welcomed.

I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour in May 2018 and was baptised on 10 November in the Derwent River by Rev'ds Ruth and Michael Hanlon.

I'm now supporting the Kids' Church at the Cathedral and enjoy singing in the choir. The people at St David's have become my family and I have a deep sense of belonging.

**Name has been changed for privacy reasons*

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ANGLICARE GRANTS SUPPORT LOCAL MISSION

A parish grant from Anglicare made it possible for Midlands Anglican to reach out to the community at Christmas time.

Volunteers packed 40 hampers for distribution to vulnerable families and older people living alone.

"The hampers were made up of nice Christmas food and a grocery voucher," said Fiona Oates. The hampers were delivered across the region, from Avoca to Oatlands.

The recipients were identified by contacts at local community groups, and the church filled gaps as needed. "We work behind-the-scenes and ensure we don't double up with other systems of support already underway," Fiona said.

The hampers included cards and dates for Christmas services.

"The recipients were so delighted and appreciative," she said. "The reaction was surprise that the church wanted to give them something! I even had an email from one lady who thought she'd been given it by mistake because her family does not come to church. I said you don't have to come to church for us to care about you".



Photo courtesy of Fiona Oates at Midlands Anglican

"Our mission statement is to live by faith, to be a voice of hope, and to share God's love"

"I would encourage other parishes to consider applying for a grant from Anglicare," said Fiona. "This kind of project provides a link to people who think the church is irrelevant or dead".

"Our mission statement is to live by faith, to be a voice of hope, and to share God's love," Fiona said. "We're doing this because Jesus said to show compassion and love your neighbour".

Anglicare's Parish Grants Scheme encourages parishes to respond to the needs of local people as part of a shared mission to "love and serve the Tasmanian community in the name of Christ".

For more information contact Anglicare's Parish and Community Development Worker Margaret Savage at parishes@anglicare-tas.org.au or **Tel: 6213 3656**.

MISSION



Photo courtesy of Scott Sargent

SUMMERVIEW

Scott Sargent, State Director, CMS - Tasmania

The Tasmanian Anglican Church believes that every flourishing church must have a commitment to global mission. It was therefore very encouraging to see so many Anglicans at our Church Missionary Society (CMS) SummerView

Conference at Port Sorell in January. It was our biggest conference in years and the first time we have had to close off registrations.

The Bishop of the Northern Territory and former CMS missionary, Greg Anderson, taught about God's mission from the Psalms, two missionaries back from SE Asia shared of their cross-cultural gospel work in secure locations and our International

Speaker Peter Nyunt from Myanmar taught on engaging Buddhists with the gospel. Popular electives included caring for our missionaries and sharing your faith with your non-Christian neighbour.

Our Creche, Primary and Youth programs were bursting at the seams, as our children learnt about local and global mission, and how they could be sharing their faith with their friends.

The conference finished with the President's Sermon, preached by CMS Tasmania President Richard Condie, and communion.

Next year (9-12 January 2020) our Bible Teacher will be Simon Gilham, Director of Mission Studies at Moore College, and our International Speaker will be the head of the National Church Fellowship of Nepal, Pastor Grishma Parajuli.

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Revd Phil Coghlan, Meagan and their children Mirrilee (8), Felix (4) and Chester (1)

FROM BARRABA TO BURNIE

Rev. Phil Coghlan,
Rector of Burnie Parish

Us Coghlan are excited about this new season for our family living in Burnie. There is sadness in leaving our church family in Barraba, but joy in joining a new one here. I'm particularly looking forward to my new role in the parish and all the opportunities it will have to see people grow in their knowledge and love of God.

I have no greater desire than to see people come to put their trust in Jesus and to see each person in the existing church family move forward in their relationship with him. My hope is that my ministry will be used by God to aid this growth.

Meagan and I look at the size of Burnie and see just how big the task is of introducing all people to Jesus so that they may know him and the life he offers freely. It's a big task, but fortunately our God is bigger, and so we pray that he would do the work, using our mouths and bodies, along with all of Christ's people in the Burnie area.

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CARE AND CONNECTION

Mark Barry, Community Pastor,
All Saints Network

In 2012, Lucy and I came to Tasmania with our two kids, Sam and Naomi, so I could serve as the State Coordinator for the Bible Society. We never imagined that six years later I'd be taking on the role of Community

Pastor at St John's Launceston (now the All Saints Network) and getting Ordained in Hobart on 2 March!

The last few months have been exciting, particularly working towards a culture of:

- care within our network community, as we seek to grow as disciples of Jesus; and
- connection to the communities of our city, as we seek to make disciples for Jesus.

It's been way more demanding spiritually and emotionally than I ever imagined. Thankfully, God is gracious and our Lead Minister, James Hornby, patient.

With the official launch of the All Saints Network on 3 February, there's much to do. Our hope and prayer is that God will do great things through his people, as they seek to 'live life well' in Jesus for the sake of his Kingdom and glory!



Photo courtesy of Barbara Warland

FANNING THE FLAME IN HONG KONG

Shirley Tongue, Diocesan Lay
Director, Cursillo Tasmania

In October 2018, 13 Australians, 2 local clergy and 14 candidates gathered in Hong Kong to experience the 3 Day Cursillo programme.

The generosity of the Tasmanian Cursillo Community, and their enthusiasm to spread the Gospel of Jesus, enabled Jane Lamont, Margaret Brodie and I to share the privilege of

introducing Cursillo to the Diocese of Hong Kong.

We were all incredibly blessed and the Spirit's presence was palpable. The theme was "Fan into Flame the Gift Within You" (2 Tim 1:6). This echoed Archbishop Paul Kwong's hope that Cursillo would renew and re-energize lay leaders in his church.

Preparation is underway for the second locally-led course in October. Please pray for this fledgling movement, that it will kindle a fire for the Gospel that will spread throughout China.