

# TASMANIAN

## ANGLICAN

*A Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.*



*TCC Emergencies Ministry at work – Photo courtesy of Jay Yearsley*

## UPCOMING DATES

### APRIL

6th – [Tasmanian Women's Bible Conference](#)

8th – [Children's Ministry Training Evening](#)

### MAY

3rd & 4th – [CMS World Mission Conference](#)

8th – [What's Next? Confidently Preaching Christ](#)

18th – [Bible Forum, Burnie](#)

26th – [BCA Centenary](#)

### JUNE

14th & 15th – [Synod](#)

### JULY

7th to 10th – [Leaders in Training Camp for Grades 9-12](#)

27th – [Bible Forum \(Hobart\)](#)

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## UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Bible is full of stories about partnerships, from Moses and Aaron in the Old Testament to Paul and Barnabas in the New. The gentile churches of the Mediterranean partnered with the Jewish churches in Jerusalem to make sure gospel ministry flourished.

The Scriptures call us to work in partnerships both with each other, eg, in Ecclesiastes 4:9 *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour"*, and with God himself, eg, 2 Corinthians 5:20 *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us"*.

I am really encouraged by the great partnerships that are taking place across our Diocese.

In this edition you can: read about two churches partnering to ensure that flourishing worship communities gather to proclaim Jesus in Evandale; learn about volunteers who delivered support and counselling to communities affected by fire across our State; and discover how an Anglicare grant has provided companionship and nutritious meals for people in Queenstown.

The Diocesan Celebration and Ordination Service on March 2nd was a resounding success. We celebrated the ordination of seven people who committed to partnering with God in their call to ministry and we look forward to partnering with them in their work.

I pray you are inspired to seek new ways of partnering with God to further [our mission \(view video\)](#); to grow confident *flourishing* parish centres; to develop *partnerships* with Anglican agencies and schools; to grow *missional* chaplaincy; and to be a people of *blessing* to our communities.

With warm wishes in Christ.

Richard



Photo courtesy of Alison Courtney

## EVANDALE'S NEW VENTURE

Archdeacon Dane Courtney, Rector of Holy Trinity Launceston & PiC St Andrew's Evandale

'We've been a bit slow off the mark, but we think it's worth trying to save.' So began a conversation I had with the small but faithful committee who have run St Andrew's Church, Evandale for the past few years.

Yes, there was enough money for their contribution to Redress, but a new approach to ministry was clearly needed. St Andrew's is a prominent landmark in the town, but Evandale is too small a community to support a parish by itself.

With the reorganising of churches in Launceston, it was a logical step to link up with a larger and better resourced parish. The prominent Evandale

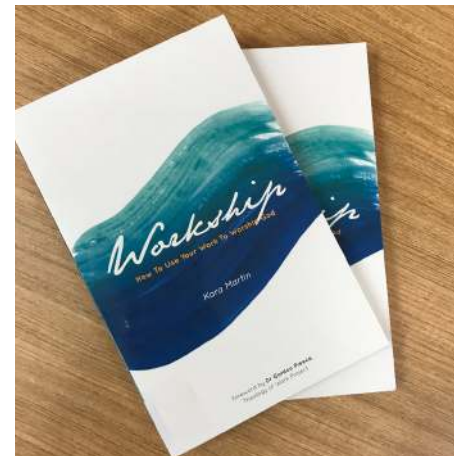
Markets take over the town on Sunday mornings, so Holy Trinity Launceston proposed the idea of church on Sunday evenings instead.

The small group that was meeting on Sunday evenings at Holy Trinity has moved and joined with Evandale parishioners to form the nucleus of a new venture. Early indications are very positive, with an average of over 20 people each Sunday evening. We want to see Jesus proclaimed in Evandale and for many to become his disciples. Please support us with your prayers.

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## TOOLS TO FLOURISH AT WORK

Ellie Firth, Assistant Registrar



How do you see your work? Or, perhaps more importantly, how do you think God sees your work? Is it merely a means to an end? Is it a place for evangelism? Or is it possible that your work could be an act of worship in and of itself?

It is so easy in church today to feel like there is a distinction, in the church's eyes, if not God's as well, between ministry and "secular work".

In her book, *Worship: How to Use Your Work to Worship God*, Kara Martin rejects this dichotomy and explores what a Biblical view of work looks like, presenting the concept of work as worship.

Kara presents six spiritual disciplines for work, ways that we can integrate our faith with our work. This book will help you to see how your work is part of living out your relationship with God and give you tools to flourish at work as you do.

## BLESSING



## QUESTIONING FAITH AN EVANGELISM STORY

Rev'd Victor Shaw, Rector St George's Church, Battery Point

Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living". We think the unexamined faith is not worth having! Questioning Faith is a group for sceptics, doubters and believers alike to ask big questions about life and explore Christian faith.

I've been dreaming about running a group like this for six years, and it's finally happening. We've had three sessions. Four came the first week. Now we're up to seven, none of whom are believers. Everyone feels comfortable to share what they think and we're enjoying robust discussion

over some food and drink. I'm looking forward to seeing what God does among us.

Let me encourage you to dream, to pray and to do what you love. In my case it's talking about the big questions of life with unbelievers. And then see the Holy Spirit work!

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## CONNECTIONS IN QUEENSTOWN

Bronwen Hayes, Anglicare Tasmania



The Parish of West Coast is making connections in the local community, with support from [Anglicare](#).

It began with the idea of transforming the church's storage shed into a place where people could gather once a week to share a meal. "The first time, there were a handful of people and it just grew from there," said parishioner Jack Edwards. "People said it would be a three week wonder, then a ten week wonder, that it would peter out eventually....but it hasn't".

Connections is now attracting around 40 people every week.

"We provide a healthy, nutritious meal and an opportunity for companionship," he said. "The evening has a vibrant atmosphere".

Anglicare gave the parish a grant for the project to assist with the cost of food, utensils and electricity.

"This is an outreach to have fellowship, so people can trust what the church is about," said Jack. "We have a meal and

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a chat, then a few guys play guitar and sing along. People are seeing that this Christian mob aren't too bad".

"Because of Connections we now have volunteers who help, a women's group ready to cook ....people receiving prayer, counselling, kids coming along and around 20-30 people at church each week," he said. "These are all plusses".

The parish also delivers food hampers in the community, feeding a minimum of 40 families each week.

To find out more about Anglicare's Parish Grant Scheme, contact Margaret Savage at [parishes@anglicare-tas.org.au](mailto:parishes@anglicare-tas.org.au) or phone 1800 243 232. Anglicare provides grants of up to \$5000 to parishes for projects that support its mission to achieve social justice and provide an opportunity for people in need to reach fullness of life.



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## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

For the past 14 years [Launceston Church Grammar School](#) has partnered with the Sony Foundation to host a summer camp for children with disabilities.

In December, the School welcomed 19 children for a three-day camp with Grade 11 and 12 students on hand to assist.

The Senior Campus hosted indoor play, craft, bikes and golf buggies. The camp featured a "construct a gingerbread house" session, beeswax wrap creation, water fight, and a baby animal session which included bunnies, therapy dogs, a guide dog puppy, goats, a blind alpaca and a visit from Gavin the fat cat.

With 12 campers on the autism spectrum the School invested in some tactile toys and set up a

sensory room, which were both well utilised.

A disco, Christmas chapel with nativity costumes, lots of craft, and a visit to the Junior Campus ensured that campers had a rewarding and memorable time.

Part of the Anglican Church's Vision is to develop partnerships with our Anglican Schools with an expectation that parishes will support, encourage and pray for them.



From left to right: Mark Barry, Linda Chau, Jacob Crane, Bishop Richard, Alistair Crouch, Samuel Green, Tristan Dallas, Christoph Ochs

## DIOCESAN CELEBRATION AND ORDINATION SERVICE

On Saturday 2 March, a special Diocesan Celebration and Ordination Service was held at St David's Cathedral. A video featuring a few of the Ordinands sharing their testimonials was shown on the day and can be viewed [here](#).

We give thanks and pray for the following people in their call to ministry:

### DEACONS

- **Alistair Crouch** – Assistant Curate at St George's Church, Parish of Burnie
- **Linda Chau** – Honorary Assistant, Wellspring Chinese congregation, Sandy Bay
- **Mark Barry** – Community Pastor, All Saints Anglican Network, Launceston
- **Christoph Ochs** – Honorary Assistant Minister, Barney's, North Launceston ([Read Story](#))

### PRIESTS

- **Samuel Green** – Interfaith Chaplain, University of Tasmania
- **Tristan Dallas** – Assistant Minister, St George's, Battery Point
- **Jacob Crane** – Assistant Curate, St David's Cathedral

## INAUGURAL REGISTRY ROADSHOW

James Oakley, Registrar



One parish treasurer said:

*I found it very informative and so well presented. It was lovely to put a face to names.*

This was just one of the many comments highlighting a growing sense of partnership that we received from incumbents, wardens, treasurers, secretaries and administrators who came along to our inaugural Registry Roadshow in the North West, North and South of the state.

It was encouraging for some of our

registry team (myself, Ellie, Judson, Audrey and Sarah) to meet so many people involved in churches around the Diocese. The event was designed to provide an opportunity for us to meet one another and learn from one another. We discussed various registry functions and you shared some feedback on what it's like working with the Diocesan Office from a parish perspective.

To find out more about what was talked about at the Roadshow go to our [website](#).

### MISSION



Revd Jamie Bester, Volunteer Chaplain with TCC Emergencies Ministry.  
Photo courtesy of Jay Yearsley.

## GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

Paul Hueston, Southern Region Coordinator, TCC Emergencies Ministry

The recent bushfires saw members of our church actively involved in mission, showing God's love in practical ways and being a people of blessing to our communities ([view video](#)).

The Tasmanian Council of Churches (TCC) Emergencies Ministry provides psychological first aid and pastoral, emotional and spiritual care to

people affected and touched by disaster and emergency.

They were most recently deployed throughout the fires of February and March 2019. During this period, about 60 TCC Emergencies Ministry volunteers and staff provided more than 1000 hours of time across 10 locations around Tasmania. These deployments included the evacuation and recovery centres in Huonville, Bothwell, Queenstown and Kingston, as well as the Tasmanian Emergency Information Services' community 'hubs'.

TCC Emergencies Ministry enables the church to assist people hurt by fire, flood or another crisis. This ministry is an incredibly important part of the church demonstrating God's love in action.

Please support TCC Emergencies Ministry in your prayers and with your finances, or even consider becoming one of our all-important volunteers!

Visit our website at [www.tccem.org.au](http://www.tccem.org.au) or contact our State Officer, Gus Yearsley on 0428 573 715.