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A Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.



The English Language Café at Barney's Anglican in North Launceston

UPCOMING DATES

JUNE

14th & 15th – Synod

JULY

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

27th – [Bible Forum \(Hobart\)](#)

AUGUST

3rd – [Rural Mission Training Day](#)

16th to 17th – [Challenge Conference \(Hobart\)](#)

30th – [Combined Youth Event](#)

31st – [Fruitful – Youth Leader Training Day](#)

SEPTEMBER

21st – [Bishop's Training Event \(Hobart\)](#)

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UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

People gathered around our nation on Saturday May 26, to celebrate Bush Church Aid's 100 years of faithful ministry in remote and rural Australia. We are thankful for their support to further mission across Tasmania, especially for funding new church plants. Page 3 has a story about our digital church pilot program made possible by a BCA grant.

As you read about how God is using his people in mission and outreach across Tasmania, I hope you are inspired to seek ways of being missional communities in your local area. Let's be a church, loving and serving Tasmanians and making disciples of Jesus.

I am encouraged by great stories of God's provision. For example, two parishes have income exceeding their budget requirements (for the first time), and several of our properties have sold for more than we anticipated. James 1:12 says, *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him"*.

Our new Prayer Diary will be distributed at Synod (14/15 June). It's designed to help us pray in an intentional way for the work of our church and our partners. In Matthew 18:19 Jesus says, *"if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven"*. I invite you to join in corporate prayer. It is important, it's an expression of our unity and like-mindedness.

With warm wishes in Christ.

Richard



The idea of these activities is that community members become friends, will feel comfortable and develop relationships with Christians, who are open to participate in a discussion about their faith if it arises.

A similar model occurs in gatherings organised by parish members of the local Men's Shed, which many church members helped establish.

The challenge now is to provide opportunities for people to gather in a more structured way to discuss Christianity or matters of faith. Alpha has been an excellent tool to help us do this, during which people have made a commitment to follow Jesus.

Pathways helps us focus on where we are heading and gives us a way to talk about, review and develop our disciple-making strategy.

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Hilary Reader, St Thomas' Church, Howrah

Last November, the parish council of Howrah Sandford joined with members of Bellerive Parish at St Mark's for a Pathways workshop. Pathways is designed by Ken Morgan to assist churches to be more missional. It deliberately introduces little steps to help members become actively disciple-making.

Since the workshop we regularly discuss progress of the goals we set. We included several pre-existing groups into our Pathways framework and introduced three new activities with the intention of increasing our contact with unchurched members of our community.

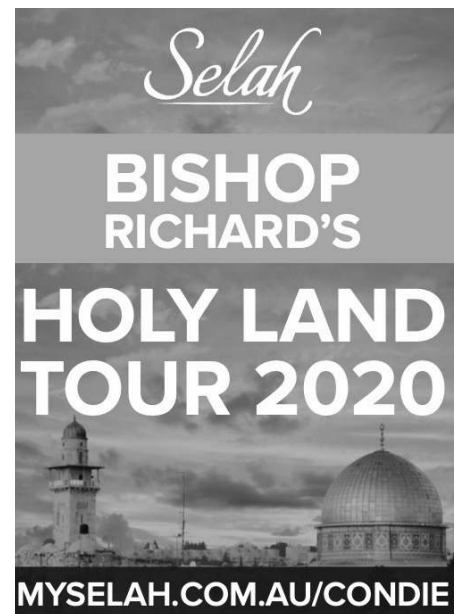
Chat and Eat is a successful activity that has run for several years. Monthly a group of people (half are community members who do not have contact with a church) go out for lunch. It's an opportunity to share a meal and

develop relationships. Also, one Friday evening a month is a free film with shared supper. Parishioners are encouraged to bring friends. The films vary from classics to recently released family movies.

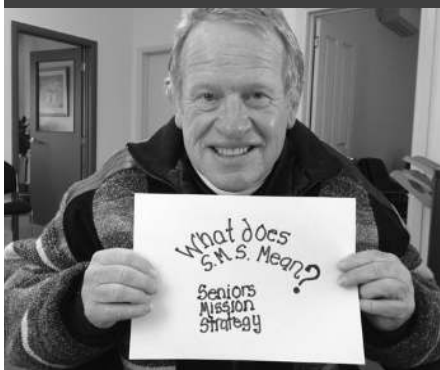
Fortnightly, is a card-making and craft afternoon held in the church hall. The church provides equipment to assist with making cards and this is enjoyed by churchgoers and community members.

On Fridays is a new activity called Fitness with Friends. It's a gentle exercise and stretching group run by a qualified trainer. It's designed for older members or those unlikely to attend a gym. Those of us who attend find it very beneficial, maybe in part due to all the laughs we enjoy together!

A new group is teaching participants to learn to play Quiddler.



BLESSING



We've recently said thank you and goodbye to our honorary senior's minister of five years, Bruce Geeves.

As part of Bruce's ministry, he set a vision for seniors – who comprise a significant proportion of our congregations across Tasmania. We are still working out how to carry out this vision but there is one simple activity which has been no trouble at all to perpetuate.

The first Sunday of every month, at around 12 noon, the seniors – and anyone else who would like to come to the senior's lunch regardless of age – start trickling down to the local pub.

We really look forward to this monthly gathering and it will remain a legacy of Bruce's ministry amongst us. Bruce has been a blessing to our parish and to many beyond. We pray he settles quickly into his new church home and returns to join us for lunch!

[READ FULL STORY >](#)

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SIMPLE PLEASURE

Anne Brown, St George's Battery Point

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH

Bronwen Hayes, Anglicare Tasmania



**It's so good
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on the table...**

things are going
to be okay.

How do you keep warm on a winter's day? Pull on a puffer jacket? Sit down to a steaming bowl of soup? Turn up the electric heater?

For some Tasmanians, their choices are limited and they are facing a cold winter season. It's a grim experience to have to choose between essentials like rent, electricity, food and medicine.

That's why Anglicare has launched its Winter Appeal and is encouraging you to give the gift of warmth this winter.

"Our financial counsellors often work with people whose incomes are so

low, they are simply unable to meet the cost of basics," said Anglicare CEO Chris Jones. "Given the housing shortage, people are prioritising paying the rent, but then don't have enough money to afford sufficient heating or nutritious meals".

"It's unacceptable to see older people worried about turning on a heater, or young parents skipping meals to ensure there's enough food for their children".

"People find themselves in financial difficulty for all kinds of reasons,

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such as redundancy, a relationship breakdown, injury or illness," he said.

You can help Anglicare reach out to Tasmanians who are struggling this winter. Our financial counsellors support people to avoid power disconnection, and donations will provide opportunities to assist with one-off costs for people in crisis.

This year's Appeal will also support the purchase of a therapy dog. The specially trained dog will provide attention and comfort to people staying at the Rocherlea Rehabilitation and Recovery Service receiving intensive support with mental illness. Studies show a therapy dog increases people's physical activity and encourages routine, as well as providing a calming presence.

Gifts to the Winter Appeal can be made on-line at www.anglicare-tas.org.au or by phone on 1800 243 232.



DIGITAL CHURCH

The Ven Stephen Carnaby, Director of Ministry Development, Diocese of Tasmania

Making the most of new technologies, our Diocese is trialling a new model to provide online support and resources to churches in rural/remote communities.

Bush Church Aid (BCA), as part of their centenary celebrations, offered

grants for innovative ministries. Our proposal, to provide good quality preaching and training to churches in regional Tasmania through a central website, was successful.

Ridley College is also a project partner. Wayne Chan (Ridley College Digital Content Producer) has provided 20 volunteers with initial video skills for ministry training. This equips them to prepare video resources, sermons and other

training. ([View here a short intro of Wayne and the project](#))

We hope to have small groups in local churches, led online by an external leader, that provide for spiritual transformation, development and multiplication of leaders, with a shared mission to reach the community with the gospel.

This project allows us to provide resources that can supplement and train local Christian leadership. This will be provided online, rather than face-to-face, to overcome the issue of distance. Break O'Day is joining as the first trial parish.

We are excited to see how God can use new technologies and methods to build up churches and make disciples in these more remote communities.



All Saints Anglican Network, Launceston

BETTER TOGETHER

Revd James Hornby

A wise person once said that opportunities are threats diffused.

Since synod's courageous decision to support redress, we have been conscious of the challenge to on-going fruitful ministry across our state.

Encouragingly, stories are already emerging of church communities finding gospel opportunities during a difficult and challenging time.

One such story is the formation of the All Saints Anglican Network in Launceston. This multi-site church network is the result of people within the former Parishes of St John's Launceston, St Leonard's and Riverlinks willingly laying aside personal preferences and long-held traditions in recognition that God is bringing his people together in unity.

We are at the beginning of this journey, and it is a messy one, yet we already see fruit on the vine and are confident that the good work Christ has begun will be completed.

In Christ Jesus we are #better_together.

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FUTURE PROOFING

Grant Atkins, Bridge of Hope, Port Sorell

The Bridge of Hope Port Sorell congregation was thrilled to move into a new location recently. The church now meets in the new Community Centre at Rubicon Grove in Shearwater.

A service of Celebration and Blessing was conducted on April 7th by Bishop Richard and the Locum Minister, The Revd Susan Willis.

The church in Rice Street, built in 1958, had become inadequate to meet the needs of this fast-growing area. The new space has larger, more modern facilities in a prominent position, better resources and increased ministry opportunities.

The church now has access to a larger worship space, meeting room, store-room, children's playground and Rubi's Café which is open to the public. All activities, including mainly music, are held at the new location.

The Parish hopes the move will encourage further growth and assist in developing a stronger, more



sustainable church. It is now planning to further develop its mission and outreach.

Visitors are welcome to Sunday services at 9.30am followed by morning tea and a CMS Market.



MISSION



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAFE

Liz Goodacre, Barney's Anglican

The English Language Café at Barney's Anglican in North Launceston is a missional community. It aims to bless and serve non-native speakers of English, providing them with an informal setting in which to practice their English speaking and listening skills.

The café meets once a week in our church building, and once a week on the UTAS campus. Volunteers set up the space in a café style, make drinks and snacks for attendees and prepare a topic for conversation for each session. Topics range from practical matters to getting to know Australia better e.g. using public transport, shopping, holidays, wildlife etc. The idea is to get conversation going in order to develop relationship and bless the attendees.

Once a month the café takes a social trip so attendees can see more of the area. Trips have included beach days, fishing trips, Liffey Falls and Ag Fest.

We have found that the café is a great opportunity to show God's love to people in very practical ways. While attendees enjoy practicing their English, we have found that what they value most about the café is the community that they find there – a place to be welcomed and to connect with others while they are far from home and often lonely.

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