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A Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.



AHW invited the Jesus Racing Team to Risdon Prison – Craig Dumas, Andrew Fisher, Andrew Martin, Luke Campton

UPCOMING DATES

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 \(Hobart\)](#)

OCTOBER

23rd – [Church Planting Conference \(Hobart\)](#)

NOVEMBER

2nd – [Bible Forum \(Launceston\)](#)

SEE EVENTS CALENDAR:
www.anglicantas.org.au

UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the 50th anniversary of the moon landing last month, I have been reflecting on Psalm 8. *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?* The answer of course, is we are children of God, made in his image to be good stewards of his world. This is a high calling for each one of us.

Our Synod met in Launceston 14-15 June. It was wonderful to gather as a Diocesan family to work on the business of our common life. The agenda was full and covered new governance legislation for our Parishes. My [Presidential Address](#), information about [General Motions](#) passed and the [Registrar's Report](#) to all electors are on our website. We made a commitment to work on indigenous reconciliation and considered some motions about our relationships in the wider Anglican Communion.

Given the current housing and homelessness situation in Tasmania I commend the Vicar-General's [Pastoral Letter](#) to you. It is a matter we should all be concerned about. Our Vision is to be *a Church for Tasmania*, so I am heartened that many in our churches are concerned about these things.

This newsletter is full of stories of our Church engaging with and being a blessing to our community. Well done and keep up the great work! I'm also encouraged by our Ministry Leaders who visited the UK that: (1) we are on the right track; and (2) that God will equip us to break new ground.

With warm wishes in Christ.

Richard

TRAINING OUR LEADERS [\(Diocesan Vision pg 11\)](#)

Stephen Carnaby, Director of Ministry Development



Margaret Savage (Anglicare) and Ministers Stephen Savage, Stephen Carnaby, Pete Adlem, James Hornby, Rob Imberger and Joel Kettleton at Latimer Minister UK

In May a group of our Ministry Leaders (some Rectors and the Anglicare Parish Development Worker) travelled to the UK to attend the Alpha Global Leadership Conference, and to see some of the new things happening in the Church of England.

It was great to get out of our context and to see what the world-wide church is doing. The group returned to Tasmania encouraged, bursting with new ideas and spiritually revitalised. They also deepened their relationships with each other which has led to greater support and prayer.

Some of the key things we learnt were:

- The importance of generosity and hospitality.
- The Church of England has some great examples of very old church buildings transformed into flexible multipurpose spaces for ministry.
- Developing lots of leaders intentionally at all levels of church is vital and needs more resources.

- Leadership takes sacrifice. One speaker asked, "Could it be that the difference between where you are and where God wants to take you is the painful decision you are unwilling to make?"
- Anglican Churches are planting new churches and congregations and joining in networks as a key strategy for reaching the communities around them.
- Churches are being bold in local mission, and God is changing what they believe is possible.
- The Anglican Church in Tasmania is already doing a lot of things that leaders in other Dioceses would like to see happen in their own context, with our focus on making disciples as our vision, and using structures and resources to make that happen.

We came back excited that we are on the right track in Tasmania, but also that God has many more possibilities for us in the years ahead.



Pete Adlem and Rob Imberger, Alpha Conference London

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Revd Pete Adlem, St Clements Anglican Church, Kingston

It was encouraging to see lots of people in the UK doing simple new things to break new ground. It's challenged me to ask: What new ground can we break?

Obviously, this will look different for each one of us in our contexts. What new ground is God calling you to break? [READ FULL STORY>](#)

BLESSING



FOSTERING HOPE

Mary Dickins, Co-ordinator

In Tasmania there are over 200 children living away from their birth families in foster or kinship families. These children enter care due to neglect and trauma. Foster and kinship carers step in to provide a home and support for them.

As the church, who knows God the Good Father, we should be responding to this need. These children are some of the most vulnerable and hurting in our community. Not everyone can foster, but we can all choose to be a blessing.

We can listen and learn about the needs of children in care, and

the effects of trauma and broken attachments. We can all choose to pray, make a meal, provide respite, household help, or even mentor a young person.

Fostering Hope can help you be a blessing for a fostering family in your church or community. Ask us what you could do to help!

[READ FULL STORY HERE>](#)

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TINY HOUSE RESPONSE TO LOCAL NEED

By Miriam Palmer



There are few crisis accommodation options on the east coast. The opportunity to buy a tiny house was identified by Anglicare as worth pursuing. The local Parish of Break O'Day supported the project and agreed for the tiny house to be located at the back of St Paul's Church.

"Homelessness has become more visible in St Helens over the years," said Anglicare community support worker Thom Ryan. "There are people about the town who you can see are sleeping rough."

Parish of Break O'Day minister Alexander Withers said parishioners

were eager to be part of offering a practical response. "Since Anglicare first moved into the cottage next to the church, the awareness of homelessness and people in need has skyrocketed," said Revd Withers. "The health and wellbeing of the wider community is now one of our top concerns."

The parish operates a furniture shed and has an arrangement with a local bakery to distribute bread two nights each week.

The tiny house was converted from a shipping container by local TasTAFE students and is complete with

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sleeping, kitchen-dining and wet areas (with shower, toilet and a washing machine). It is connected to mains electricity, water and sewerage, and has a heat pump.

The tiny house can accommodate either a single person or a couple for short term stays of up to six weeks. It provides guests with breathing space while they look for more permanent accommodation. **Enquiries can be made through Anglicare's Housing Connect Program - 1800 800 588**

BRINGING WARMTH TO TASMANIANS

Thank you to all who donated to [Anglicare's Winter Appeal](#). Your support helped to make winter warmer for people in your local community.



MISSION

Most recently, AHW chaplains have:

- supported a young patient to pursue a dream to make fashion by supplying materials and a sewing machine. New patterned scrubs for the nurses we hope is only the start of things to come!
- introduced companion dog visits at the Launceston General Hospital by the lovely Doris.
- facilitated a visit by the Jesus Racing Team to the Risdon Prison, where Andrew "Fishtail" Fisher displayed a replica V8 and talked about the importance of leaving a positive legacy.

For more about the work of Anglican Chaplaincy in Tasmania, please visit: anglicanhealthandwelfare.org.au

Footnote: Part 3 of our Mission is to grow missional chaplaincy. See pg 13 of the Diocesan Vision.

HEALTH CHAPLAINS AROUND THE STATE

By Luke Campton, Executive Officer AHW

Hidden in plain sight, your church may be the home of a Chaplain!

Professional visiting by Anglican chaplains is happening around the state in hospitals, aged-care homes and prisons.

Our chaplains are supported by a small but active charity called Anglican Health and Welfare (AHW). AHW employs co-ordinators in all major state hospitals and prisons and supports dozens of volunteers who bring Christian care and compassion to those affected by accidents, illness, addictions and incarceration.

Chaplains are actively looking for fresh ways to bring joy and hope to people in distress.



A LIGHT REPAST

The Very Revd Richard Humphrey,
Dean of St David's Cathedral

In the midst of a dark festival the light shone from the Cathedral. In celebrating 200 years of continuous Christian worship on its site in the heart of Hobart St. David's held A Light RePast, a digest of visual arts, music and written Word. There were artworks, including the building itself, with power spotlights turning the Nativity Window into a night-time display. Numerous recitals of flute, piano and organ music enlivened the 12 days of the festival. Each day there was the public reading of the Scriptures by Christians from Churches around Hobart.

The centrepiece was an artwork by Maz Gill-Harper featuring two coffins, showing there are two ways to die - one way leading to death, another to life and the dividing line is the blood of Christ. One visitor was moved to tears as she realised that Jesus has moved her from one coffin to the other.

PRAYER DIARIES

All Parishes have copies of the new [Prayer Diary](#) with [Supplementary Lists](#). Please make sure you pick up a copy and are praying for our Diocese. The latest version of the Supplementary Lists are available on our [website](#).

PLANTS FOR GEEVESTON

On Tuesdays a group in Brighton Parish meets to undertake craft activities and to explore ways to bless their local community.

Following the devastating bushfires in January, plants were grown or collected, nurtured and potted by the group. They delivered over 100 plants to the Geeveston Community Centre! This gift was very much appreciated by the Geeveston community.



The group then had lunch at a local restaurant to further bless the local economic recovery.

BISHOP'S TRAINING EVENT

Shaped

Disciples shaped by word, prayer and service

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 2019

10am-4pm, The Hutchins School, Nelson Rd, Sandy Bay
Livestream Event at Burnie Anglican Church, Mount St

INAUGURAL HENRY BALDWIN LECTURE

Revd Victor Shaw, St George's
Battery Point

Several years ago a Parish Councillor floated the idea that we put on an annual lecture offering the riches of Christian theology to the public, named after a long time warden and generous benefactor Henry Baldwin. This dream unexpectedly became a reality in June. We wanted to pick a topic that engaged with conversation Dark Mofo was having. A philosopher friend of mine Dave Taylor said he was up for the challenge. On a cold wet Tuesday evening over 150 people joined us for a lecture and Q&A on the

LONELINESS AND THE SEARCH FOR THE SELF

theme Loneliness and the Search for the Self. Most of the audience were in their 20s and 30s and were not church goers. The 4th mission objective of our diocesan vision is to be a people of blessing to our communities. As part of this we will make thoughtful contributions to Tasmanian community life. We hope that this annual Henry Baldwin lecture can do just that to God's glory.

[Click here to hear the lecture and Q&A](#)