

# TASMANIAN

## ANGLICAN

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



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## UPCOMING DATES

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

2nd – [Bible Forum](#) (Launceston)

30th – Emergency/Critical Incident Training – TBC

### 2020

### JANUARY

9-12th – [CMS Summerview](#) (Port Sorell)

### FEBRUARY

29th – Ordination & Celebration Service (St David's Cathedral)

### MAY

22-23rd – Synod (Tailrace Centre, Launceston)

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## UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God is on the move! I am so encouraged to see and hear stories of God's people at work across Tasmania and I am excited that people are using their gifts to further His kingdom.

I was recently struck by how the "Lord's message rang out" from the Thessalonian Christians and people everywhere could see the transformation in their lives (1 Thess 1), and have been praying that it will ring out from Anglicans in Tasmania as well.

After a week on mission in Deloraine, I am convinced more than ever that people need to feel connected to community and appreciate the opportunity to explore faith and spirituality. This highlights the importance of us being trained and equipped to share the gospel and make disciples of Jesus.

So naturally I was really thankful for the 400+ people who attended the recent Bishop's Training Event: *SHAPED by word, prayer and service* in Hobart, and livestreamed to Burnie and King Island. We spent the day learning about how we make disciples, especially by using God's word along with our service and prayer. You can read more about it [here](#).

Another great opportunity to grow as disciples is the annual CMS conference. It provides excellent bible teaching and a wonderful occasion to hear from people who work in cross-cultural mission. I am always inspired and gain a greater understanding of how we can help make Jesus known, both locally and globally. Registrations for [SummerView 2020](#) open on 1 October. I encourage you to come.

With warm wishes in Christ.

Richard



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## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Revd Phil Coghlan, Burnie Anglican Church

Over eight weeks, a group of people in Burnie have been getting to know Jesus better.

At Burnie Anglican Church we have been running the *Christianity Explored* course since mid-July. Twenty-two people came along to learn more about Jesus, what he came to do, and what difference it makes.

While working through the steps of Pathways, we noticed that we were not very strong on helping people embrace the gospel. But this is changing.

*Christianity Explored* is a great way for people to encounter Christ. Over dinner we went through Mark's gospel and have come away with a greater understanding of Jesus.

No one seems to have been troubled by investing eight nights attending. In fact, quite the opposite is true. A range

of people came, and they all found benefit in doing the course.

Some, new to the faith, came and received clarity around the person and work of Jesus. Many were seasoned Christians and found the course to be a refreshing reminder of the gospel of grace and a helpful reinforcement of the foundation of their Christian faith.

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It's important for regular members of the local church to do the course as this creates a community of people to continue driving the course in the future.

It's our intention to run the course every year in the same way. We hope

to see people come who don't know Jesus. The course will provide an opportunity for them to respond, not to 'church' or 'religion', but to Jesus.

It has provided a great opportunity for relationships to build up between our people.

A very exciting result from the course is the formation of a new small group.

It is looking like a new season is beginning in Burnie, whereby Christ will be embraced by the city and beyond. We at Burnie Anglican hope that *Christianity Explored* will become part of the outreach DNA of our church.



## BLESSING



Bruce Ella and Jamie Bester

## IN HIS WORDS

Bruce Ella

It's due to Jesus, answered prayers, and with lots of support from the Southern Beaches Anglican (SBA) community that I'm here to start my new life with Jesus Christ.

I admit that I haven't been perfect, and I haven't lived a perfect life. I've made mistakes. Even though I deserved to be punished Jesus has reached out to me. I know he died so I could be forgiven, so I can be a new man. Thankyou Jesus!

The SBA church community have accepted me with open arms. I've been made to feel welcome and like one of

God's children. I'm with the Lord and with the Lord's people, my path is clear.

In July I was baptised, and I thank everyone for the support and love you have for me and my new journey and faith with Jesus Christ. [WATCH VIDEO>](#)

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Dianne Thorpe receiving the grant from Anglicare's Margaret Savage

## MOBILE SOUP VAN DELIVERS KINDNESS

By Miriam Palmer, Anglicare Tasmania

A grant from Anglicare is supporting the Ulverstone Parish to establish a mobile soup van. Aptly named 'A Cup of Kindness', the gypsy style van now operates two evenings each week.

Anglicare's Parish Community Development Worker Margaret Savage said the \$4500 parish grant would cover the cost of completing a fit out of the van and buying food.

"Over many years the Parish has been providing food hampers to local people in need which Anglicare has been pleased to support. The van is a natural extension of this food ministry," said Margaret.



'A Cup of Kindness'

Parish councillor Dianne Thorpe came up with the idea. "When I was running my own business I always promised myself, in my prayers, that when I retired I would make my life count – to reach out and do things that were in my heart to do," said Dianne. "Then the van appeared. I was on my way home from Stanley when I saw it for sale in a yard and I thought 'that's it'. It was a bit of a miracle really". She bought the van the next day!

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Having previously volunteered with food vans while living in Western Australia, Dianne felt confident she could contribute to the Ulverstone community in the same way. The Parish embraced the concept and a team of parishioners are ready to help prepare nourishing soups and take turns on the roster of servers.

"We use real mugs, not throw-away cups," said Dianne. "It's better for the environment and it's so much nicer to drink soup out of big chunky mugs".

The wider Ulverstone community are supportive of the ministry. Central Coast Council approved an ideal location for the van and local businesses are also coming on board with food donations. The Parish is hoping to work collaboratively with other churches in the ongoing operation of the service.

'Kindness' is Dianne's "most favourite word in the world". It is no surprise the van exudes a welcoming charm.

## MISSION



## A WEEK ON MISSION

Rev. Josh Skeat, Parish of Deloraine

Earlier this year, Bishop Richard offered to spend a week with the Parish of Deloraine, engaging in a series of intentionally evangelistic and missional opportunities.

A variety of activities were planned to reach as many facets of our community as possible, to commend Jesus to people, encouraging them to consider His claims, and provide opportunity for response and follow up.

We visited Rotary and nursing homes, played LEGO, shared testimonies with parishioners and hosted a ladies morning tea, visited farms, launched the Beer, BBQ and Blokes night, showed a movie, and concluded the week with a 'Back to Church' style celebration at St Mark's on Sunday.

Seeds have been sown, conversations started, and connections made. Next, we will run Alpha for people to explore questions of life and faith, and our services we will be focusing on (re) discovering Jesus.

Please join us in praying for the fruit of the gospel ministry that

has already happened, and for further opportunities to share with our community and region the good news of Jesus Christ – that his Kingdom would grow as his Gospel is proclaimed.

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## GIVING THANKS ON FLINDERS ISLAND

By Meredith Loudon

In May a catalogue arrived in the mailbox of one of our parishioners with its usual accompaniment of added brochures, most destined for the bin, but one caught her attention.

It was a promo for Australia's National Day of Thanks. With her interest piqued, she discovered 'it is a day for Australians to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted, those things that really make our lives worth living'. (<https://www.austhanks.org.au/>)

Our church decided to participate. We purchased thank you cards and wrote messages of thanks and appreciation to the various Flinders Island service and community organisations and businesses.

All in all, this was a simple and effective way for our church family to engage positively with the wider community.

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*Bishop Richard with Jack Tomes OAM in 2016*

## JACK TOMES OAM

Jack Tomes OAM volunteered with the Mission to Seafarers (Hobart) for 80+ years. Recently the Mission honoured Jack's wonderful life of service to God and seafarers. [READ FULL STORY>](#)

## ALPHA IN THE QUILTED TEAPOT

By Gayleen Meurant, St Matthew's Anglican Church, New Norfolk



*Left to Right - Gayleen Meurant, Gillian Parton, Rev. Celia Hooker, Shelley Berwick, Janine Clifford, Susan Brooke, Roger Brooke and Layton Hodgetts*

God began to stir our hearts in July 2017 when Andrea Hensher (Alpha Co-ordinator at the time) spoke at our Family Breakfast.

In 2018, with a desire to learn more about Alpha and how it runs, six parishioners registered as guests to attend a course at Edge Anglican in Claremont.

We then stepped out in faith in 2019, running our first Alpha course in New Norfolk from May to August. Ours was a little different as we held it at the

Quilted Teapot Café beside St Matthew's. Café owners, Janine and Burnie Clifford catered with soups and sandwiches.

Children were cared for while the parents enjoyed the Alpha DVD's and table discussions.

Alpha stimulated the awareness of Jesus in our lives and awakened in our hearts the desire to share Him with others. We are excited about starting our second Alpha course in September.



## NEW SCC CO-ORDINATOR

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of **Mrs Pam Lake** to the Safe Church Communities (SCC) Co-ordinator role in the Diocese.

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## ALPHA CO-ORDINATORS

If you need any help planning, preparing or running ALPHA please contact Anita or Charlie.

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