

# TASMANIAN

## ANGLICAN

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



*International students reading John 3:16 in their native language*

## UPCOMING DATES

2020

### JANUARY

4-24th – [Anglican Camps](#)

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

### FEBRUARY

1st – SCC Training (Hobart)

8th – SCC Training (Launceston)

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

### MARCH

2-5th – Registry Roadshow

28th – [Tasmanian Women's Bible  
Conference](#)

### MAY

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

**SEE EVENTS CALENDAR:**  
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## UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It seems hardly believable that another year is soon to draw to a close as we enter the Advent season. Our hearts are full of thankfulness for God's mercies to us in our ministries across the Diocese.

I have again been encouraged this year by our ministry leaders – our clergy and lay ministers. All of them are working so well together in unity of spirit, and great partnerships are developing. Our Ministry Leaders' Conference was an excellent time of practical equipping for growing churches, but more importantly because of the prayer and spiritual fellowship that we enjoyed.

More and more I see a need for our dependence on prayer for God to move among us. I experienced the power of this first-hand while participating in a team serving a church planting movement in India in September. Some of the hardest spiritual ground being broken open by the power of God in response to people's prayer. Oh, that a movement of prayer would sweep through our churches here at home.

We want all of our churches to be making disciples of Jesus. As we pray for our communities God opens the door to people of peace, whom we can then invite to our communities, like a playgroup, messy church or a social event. From these gentle contacts, invitations to an Alpha course, or a small [discovery bible study](#) group, or even to church can follow. In this way people can begin a journey to faith. Why not consider who you can invite on this journey during our Christmas season?

I take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Diocese warm Christmas wishes as we celebrate God coming among us.

**Richard**

# JOHN 3:16 IN THIRTEEN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

Rev Dr Sam Gough, University Pastor, Wellspring Anglican Church



Shared meal after the 'Buddies' service

Jesus commands his church to go and make disciples of all nations. But now, the nations are coming to us!

Wellspring Anglican Church is located adjacent to the University of Tasmania, where thousands of international students come every year to study. So, we invited our international neighbours to come along to 'Buddies' - a new monthly outreach church service.

By God's grace, our first year saw incredible fruit!

50 Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim and Sikh university students from the Subcontinent attended a church service for the first time in their lives. They came from the nations with the most unreached people groups in the world, including India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Another 50 international students from China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Nigeria, Columbia and Brazil also attended across the course of the year!

In one 'Buddies' church service, we read the Bible in 13 different languages. Afterwards, an Indian Hindu posted a video of himself reading John 3:16 on Facebook in his native tongue. He had 180 'likes' and positive comments from his Hindu

family and friends back in his home country!

The church has attempted to adorn the good news with good works. At the end of the 'Buddies' service, the congregation shared dinner with our new international friends. Many international students are under significant financial stress due to the rental crisis in Hobart, and difficulty finding jobs. As a result, many live on '2-minute noodles'. This is often compounded by anxiety from culture shock and social isolation. As Christians, we wanted to demonstrate the love of God to them with our lips and lives, by feeding them a nutritious meal and befriending them.

Our hope is that they will return to their own countries, not just with university degrees, but also the gospel. They are the best missionaries we could possibly send, as they already know their own culture, religion, and language.

What a privilege it is to be co-workers in God's mission and watch Jesus build his church! We pray the harvest will be great!

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## IN HER WORDS

Wunjo Stardust

Before doing Alpha, my life was an ever-expanding jumble of philosophies, practices, ideologies, techniques and cosmologies from various ancient traditions and new-age mysteries. I was uncertain of what could be believed of any of them, as they really belonged to other cultures and peoples.

During Alpha I felt a growing awareness of being alleviated of my shroud of confusion as I became oriented in a deepening trust in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I had truly never realised the immensity of what Jesus had done for me and I'm constantly humbled.

## BLESSING

Now life feels marvelously stable with this compelling new foundation of assurance and devotion to God and growing relationship with Jesus. My faith intensifies as I read the bible and my prayer life grows. I'm often moved to tears in singing His worship and I'm ever grateful of my loving global Christian tribe.

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## COLLECTING FOOD FOR LOCALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Miriam Palmer, Anglicare Tasmania



Colleen Kenshole from Burnie Anglican Parish

For many years, the Burnie Anglican Parish has been reaching out to people in need in their local community.

Parishioners regularly donate food for Anglicare to distribute to those experiencing homelessness.

"The Burnie Parish originally operated a well-run and busy emergency relief service," said Margaret Savage, Anglicare's Parish Community Development Worker. "When this model ended, the parish generously transitioned to a focus on food collection".

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Colleen Kenshole has been volunteering with this food ministry for over 20 years. "It's nice to know hungry people can get a bite to eat," said Colleen. "Every Sunday I put a basket by the church door. We are grateful for any contributions people make."

Once there's a full basket, Colleen delivers the groceries to Anglicare's office in Burnie.

When donating food it's important to consider the circumstances of people in need. For example, they may not have access to cooking utensils or facilities. Food needs to be non-perishable, well within use by date, and able to be opened without a can opener.

"It's important for food to be immediately edible," said Colleen. "Oatmeal slices and muesli bars are good, and little tubs of fruit. The

workers at Anglicare can give these to people to eat on the spot."

Other good ideas are tins of baked beans, spaghetti, packets of pasta with pasta sauce, instant noodles, dried fruit or nuts, biscuits, cereals and long-life milk.

"Sometimes people donate money - just a few dollars, even envelopes of coins," said Colleen. "With these funds I either buy food or \$20 supermarket vouchers for Anglicare to distribute."



"When times are hard, a simple box of groceries means a lot."  
—Revd Rod Curtain

Choose the gift of kindness this Christmas.

Reach out to your local community by giving to the Anglicare Christmas Appeal.

Let all you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

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## MISSION



Back row: Ella Visser, Pete Adlem, Isabel Legg, Mark North, Peter Sypkes | Front row: Kelvin & Libby Todd, Helen & Richard Condie

## GOD'S PRESENCE AND HOPE

Two parishioners from St Clement's Church, Kingston share about their recent mission trip to India.

### Kelvin Todd

I watched as she appeared, dressed in a bright red sari, from a dull grey brick building. She walked down some steps to a dirt courtyard where she pumped water from an ancient bore into a bucket and immediately poured it over her jet-black hair and body. The woman repeated this process twice before wiping off the excess water, wringing her hair and calmly flicking it back before returning to her room and continuing work. This was my introduction to the Flesh Traders ministry in Basirhat near Kolkata in India.

[READ FULL STORY >](#)

### Ella Visser

I went on this trip with no idea of what India was going to be like. God had special plans in store for me. Prior to the trip God had been ministering to my heart and challenging me about my prayer life. I needed to be reminded just how powerful prayer could be. I wanted to feel what it was like to rely on Him only through prayer, how to "breathe prayer". Psalm 150:6 closes by saying, "let everything that has breath praise the Lord" and it was this way of life in India that took my breath away.

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*Stephen, Joel, Ruth, Gus and Di provide a much-valued service to the airport community.*

## AIRPORT CHAPLAINS

**Gus Yearsley, Coordinating Chaplain, Hobart Airport**

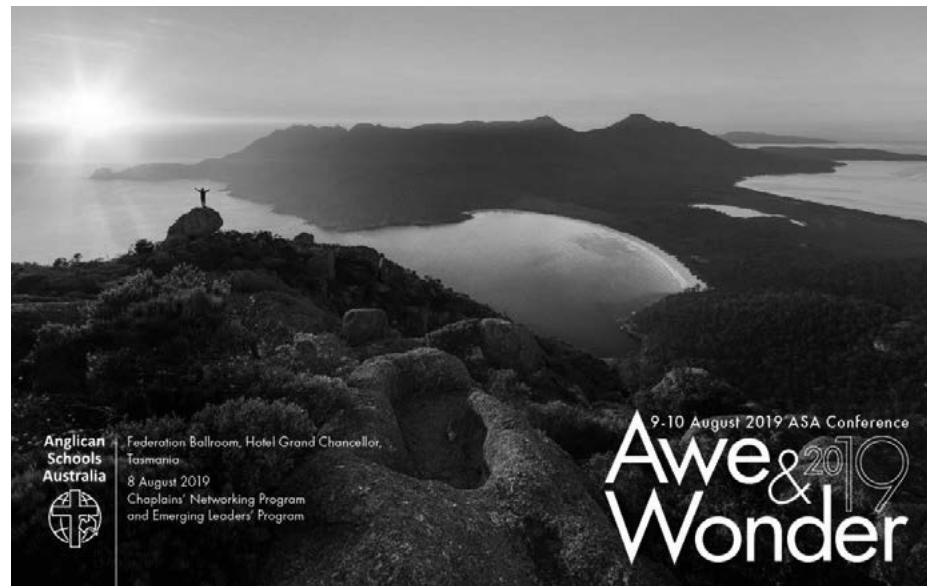
Hobart Airport now has a chaplaincy service offering support and care both to passengers and to the hundreds of employees working on the airport precinct. The team, which includes two Anglicans, is available at various times during the week including most Fridays. They provide pastoral care to airport users of any faith or none, particularly those who are distressed or require additional assistance to make their journey through the airport more comfortable.

Anglican Health and Welfare are partnering with the [TCC Emergencies Ministry](#) and other stakeholders to facilitate this service.

To contact Airport Chaplaincy, please call 0455 840 050 or email [chaplain@hobartairport.com.au](mailto:chaplain@hobartairport.com.au).

## AWE & WONDER

Dr Rob McEwan, 2019 ASA Conference Chair, Headmaster, The Hutchins School



For three days in August, more than 300 delegates from across Australia met in Hobart to engage in stimulating discussion, fellowship and learning as part of the 2019 Anglican Schools Australia (ASA) Conference. With a conference theme of 'Awe and Wonder', what better place to express awe for the world around us, to celebrate children's curiosity, imagination and wonder and to marvel in the beauty of God's creation than in the beautiful harbour side city of Hobart?

[READ FULL STORY>](#)

## WHAT IS GOD DOING ACROSS THE TASMANIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH?

The Ven Stephen Carnaby, Director of Ministry Development



*Revds Joel Kettleton, Stephen Carnaby, Ed Cavanaugh and John McQuillan*

God is doing some amazing things in our Diocese of Tasmania, which are easy to miss when your main mission focus is in a local church.

In October about 70 Ministry Leaders (ordained and lay) from around the Anglican Church in Tasmania gathered in Launceston for their annual Ministry Leaders Conference. This included clergy, chaplains, youth & children's ministers and more.

Lots of people commented, "This is the best of these conferences I've been to". A new person said, "I didn't expect it to be like that – I came away very encouraged". Why was it so good? [READ FULL STORY >](#)

*Moving into the neighbourhood*

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