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Having fun at PlaySpace @ Edge Anglican

UPCOMING DATES

2020

FEBRUARY

1st – SCC Training ([Hobart](#))

8th – SCC Training ([Launceston](#))

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

MARCH

3rd – Registry Roadshow (Burnie)

4th – Registry Roadshow (Launceston)

5th – Registry Roadshow (Hobart)

6-7th – [2020 Life@Work Conference](#) – [citybibleforum.org](#)

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

MAY

2nd – Bible Forum (Launceston)

8-9th – [CMS World Mission Conference](#) – [cms.org.au/tas/](#)

BISHOP'S UPDATE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I can't believe we are one month into the new year already! There is so much that the Lord has in store for us this year, and I want to encourage you to think how we might be on about making disciples of Jesus in our parishes and ministries this year. There are tons of ideas in this edition, as well as on our website, and we'd love to hear what you are trying in your patch. Please drop me a line.

It is very easy for us to fall into old familiar patterns, of doing the things that make us comfortable, in the way we have always done them. But sometimes those old ways of doing things have not proved to be very successful in making disciples. I wonder if you would join me in dreaming how we might change even one or two things, so that we are more focussed on those in our communities who don't yet follow Jesus. Let's pray that God would honour our efforts by bringing some new people to him in the year ahead.

The whole diocesan family is invited to join together in Hobart on February 29 at the [Ordination and Celebration Service](#). This is a day to celebrate all that God is doing among us, commission our new ordinands, and learn about how Jesus calls us to fish for people. The service will be interactive for all-ages and followed by a lunch on the lawn. I will be ordaining Elizabeth Poland, Mark North and Alan Reader as Deacons, and Christoph Ochs, Alastair Crouch and Jamie Bester as Priests. Please come and pray for them. It will be a great occasion.

I wish you a very happy and fruitful year in 2020.

With warm wishes in Christ,

Richard

PLAYSPACE @ EDGE ANGLICAN

By Roxie Meehan



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A buzz of activity has filled the Children’s and Youth Centre at 56 Main Road, Claremont from 9.30am to 2pm most Mondays over the last six months.

PlaySpace is a new ministry designed to bless our local community. We at Edge Anglican wanted to create a safe, warm and welcoming space aimed at non-school aged children and their caregivers. Somewhere children could

have fun and play, and adults relax with a hot drink and have a friendly chat.

We started not sure of what to expect or what would happen. However, we knew that in line with our Mission we wanted to be a church of people that were bringing people to Jesus.

We couldn’t forecast how PlaySpace would evolve in those first six months, but we prayed, listened and responded to God in order to be a

people of blessing to our community in Claremont and surrounding suburbs.

God’s grace is abundant! 45 families were welcomed through PlaySpace, of which only one third were regular members of Edge.

Each week delightful sounds of children whizzing from one play area to the next, adults discussing life and parenting, and people exploring deeper conversations, such as the difference between religions, could be heard. The espresso machine was on and people were blessed with delicious hot drinks.

For the team, the absolute highlight of the first six months were the opportunities to pray with those who asked for or accepted an offer of prayer.

A parent shared, “It turned into our regular Monday outing! PlaySpace has a fun, welcoming vibe. The team puts so much effort into setting up different, out-of-the-box activities each week. I also loved the fact that it has hours when it’s open; you don’t have to be there at an exact time!”

We invite you to join us in prayer as we head into 2020 with open and expectant hearts for how we can further grow, develop and expand the ministry of PlaySpace to further engage with and be a blessing to our local community.

For more information email playspace@edgeanglican.org or phone Roxie on 0404524196.

BLESSING



IN HER WORDS
Pip Nielsen

Since childhood I’ve been searching, albeit in an ad-hoc manner, for something that I wanted to feel, but just couldn’t.

Last year a friend invited me to Alpha. The first session wrapped up and I didn’t want to go home. I left feeling lighter and happier than I had felt in a very long time.

Alpha became the highlight of my week. I learned something new – and exciting – about Christ, and about Christianity each week. I enjoyed the videos – and the people who told their stories.

The message was presented in a laid back, refreshingly friendly and contemporary way. And for sceptics, like me, there was some sound, solid evidence to support the message.

I’m no longer a spectator. I’m now part of the church fellowship. And, most importantly, I am there because I want to be there. I belong. And it’s amazing.

“I am a Christian. I love Jesus. For real this time.”

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ANGLICARE SUPPORTS PARISH YOUTH GROUP

By Miriam Palmer

Did you know the top issues of concern for Tasmanian youth are stress and mental health? And that relationships with friends and family are what they most value?

To support the wellbeing of young people, the Parish of Sorell, Richmond and Tasman partnered with Anglicare to have a trained youth worker involved in some youth group sessions.

“We want our youth group to be a place where young people can feel safe to talk about any issues they face,” said the Reverend Kristina Kettleton.

“We realised having an experienced youth worker to assist us achieve this mission would be a significant benefit”.

Youth worker Angus Ling is based in the Anglicare office at Sorell, so has close connections with the local community.

“I helped set the activities each session,” said Angus. “Plus, I was able to spend time with the young people and be on hand for a chat”.

The Parish wants everyone who attends youth group to feel welcome and supported. “We all have struggles at times and need people around us

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The 10-week trial was funded through an Anglicare Parish Grant. Anglicare provides grants of up to \$5000 to parishes for projects that support its mission to achieve social justice and provide the opportunity for people in need to reach fullness of life.

To find out about these grants contact Anglicare’s Parish Community Development Worker, Margaret Savage, by **email m.savage@anglicare-tas.org.au or call 6213 3653.**

If you have any concerns about the mental health of a young person you can talk to your GP, or contact the Kids Helpline at **www.kidshelpline.com.au or call 1800 551 800.**

MISSION



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Revd Scott Sargent, State Director, [Church Missionary Society \(CMS\) Tasmania](#)

Highlights of our CMS SummerView 2020 conference were many and varied.

Missionaries back on Home Assignment shared of their respective work in SE Asia and Vanuatu and ran workshops on local disciple-making.

Tasmanian church planter, Jamie Bester, ran a well-attended workshop on everyday evangelism.

International speaker, Pastor Grishma Parajuli, spoke on both the remarkable growth of the church in Nepal and its current challenges.

Our President, Richard Condie, preached on Isaiah 40, reminding us that the good news of the comfort that God offers his people is to be boldly proclaimed to all who will listen.

Our Bible Teacher, Simon Gillham, gave four challenging talks from Colossians, urging us to remember that Jesus is bigger than all our fears. He reminded us that the work of mission, striving to present people as mature disciples of Christ, is a task given to the whole church and to every Christian.

SummerView 2021 will be at Port Sorell, 14-17 January, with former DR Congo Missionary and head of CMS NSW, Bishop Malcolm Richards, booked as our Bible teacher.

[SHORT VIDEO>](#)

CREATIVELY CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

Revd Ruth Hanlon, Priest in Charge, St Luke's Tarooma



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE

ORDINATION & CELEBRATION SERVICE

29th February, 2020

St David's Cathedral, Hobart
Commencing at 10am

Please join us for this all age worship service, followed by a light lunch on the lawns beside the Cathedral

For more information phone (03) 6220 2015.



Writing Space Christmas break-up.

Being new to the Parish in 2019 I was keen to discover ways for the Church to serve and connect with the people in Tarooma.

It is a creative community, so we began what we are calling 'Creative Space' in our community room. We have been blessed with support from a couple of "creatives" from St Clements Kingston; Ruth Amos (writer) and Libby Todd (artist).

Tuesday is the "writing space" where novels, short stories, memoir, and even academic work can be created. Thursday is "art space" where painting, drawing, and any kind of craft is encouraged.

Friendship and support are developed as the participants chat over a cuppa and biscuit.

It is wonderful to see relationships building and prayer being offered on occasion as stories are shared. We pray for bridges to faith and that some may attend Alpha this year.



ANGLICAN TASMANIAN FIRE DISASTER APPEAL

Luke Campton, Executive Officer,
Anglican Health & Welfare (AH&W)

Fires are affecting many Tasmanians, especially on the East Coast. AH&W has launched an appeal to help those in greatest need with relief and recovery.

Donations are tax deductible and will be distributed through Anglican parishes in the worst affected areas.

More information at: anglicantas.org.au/anglican-tasmanian-fire-disaster-appeal/

NEW PLAY GARDEN

Parish of New Town & Lenah Valley



On Sunday 17 November 2019, a special service was held to dedicate our new Play Garden.

The Play Garden project is a major development in our vision to grow as a confident, flourishing parish. The Play Garden itself will not grow our church, but it will help us to do new ministries and build relationships where we can introduce new people to Jesus.

Bishop Richard preached from the Gospel of Matthew (4:13-25) where Jesus calls his first disciples, including James, while they were casting a fishing net from a boat beside the Sea of Galilee. Jesus calls them to 'be fishers for people.' Bishop Richard drew attention to the boat and play net in the garden which is intended to remind the parish of their call to make disciples — 'fishing for people'!

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