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A Church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.



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UPCOMING DATES

2020

JULY

4-7th – [Leaders in Training](#)
(Grades 9-12)

25th – Bible Forum Online with
Bishop Richard

SEPTEMBER

19th – Bishop's Training Event

This event will be fully online –
registrations open mid-July at
www.bishopstrainingevent.com

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

At present a service of
[Morning Prayer](#) is available every
Sunday on the Diocesan website
www.anglicantas.org.au.

People who do not have internet
access can phone in to the service
from 8.50am.

Phone: **7018 2005**

Enter meeting ID: **931 246 804**

UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I was reflecting with someone this week that the way our church leaders and people have responded to recent challenges are in some ways the essence of Anglicanism. The Anglican Church was born in the 1500's staying true to the teaching of the scriptures while adapting worship to the latest technology of the day – the printing press. Through that new medium, communicating the eternal truths of the gospel in the language and contemporary technology of the people, the church was able to grow and reinvent itself. And here we are in 2020, using the technology and language of our day to communicate the old old story of Jesus and his love and reinvent ourselves for what is next.

I have been thinking about how things will be different post COVID19 – things I have stopped that I won't restart, things I have started I will continue, and things I have changed that I will maintain. We need to think how we can continue to use this great disruption to continue to grow ourselves to be a church for Tasmania and make disciples of the Lord Jesus, meeting the changing demands of our world.

Speaking of change, this will be the last edition of the *Tasmanian Anglican* in exactly this format. Budget pressures in the Diocese means we will have to scale back our operations, and the next newsletter will be a little different. My deep thanks to Sonya de Lacey for the high-quality work she has put into this over the last two years.

With warm wishes
in Christ,

Richard



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GREEN SCREEN & LITURGICAL COLOURS

The Ven Dane Courtney,
Rector Holy Trinity, Launceston



When Bishop Richard suggested including Holy Trinity as the 'formal Anglican' option to be promoted on the Diocesan website, we were keen to participate but didn't have much time to get organised.

Technology itself wasn't an issue, but I've never had a need to venture into video or video editing until now.

Although doubtful at first about using my iPhone 6S to record, the video quality has turned out to be excellent. A clamp to attach the phone to a tripod was easily obtained but getting

a sound feed directly from our sound system was more of a challenge.

I realised early that without multiple cameras and experienced operators, we could only manage a single shot setup, so it was a case of choosing a location in church with a pleasing look that would provide a familiar feel to those who know Holy Trinity.

Pre-recording and uploading to YouTube was the best option for us.

The first service we recorded was done in a single take and put up on YouTube

unedited. The following week I found some online resources explaining how to use iMovie. The editing has become a bit more ambitious as the weeks have gone on.

Further refinements included setting up my laptop computer and Bluetooth mouse to function as a 'teleprompter', since speaking to a camera is rather different to speaking directly to a congregation from the pulpit in church.

All up, this has been quite an adventure, with some useful skills gained, and trying to be sufficiently organised in advance that if recording in church became impossible, we could even make it work from home. I purchased a green screen in anticipation. A short video, which I called *Green screen & liturgical colours*, was the result of my testing the green screen.

You can [watch it here](#)>

Comments we've received indicate that our services have helped people in Tasmania, on the mainland, and even overseas – quite an unanticipated opportunity.

[FULL STORY](#)>

BLESSING



SHOW HOPE

Revd Sam Gough, University Pastor, Wellspring, Sandy Bay

Wellspring Anglican Church seeks to be a church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.

In this lock down season, this has meant reaching out to international students.

Wellspring has raised \$25,000 to provide for international students who've run out of money to buy food.

Twice a week, students line the footpath in Sandy Bay to receive a curry meal and a box of food.

On average we serve 200 meals a night. One night we had 265 students come to our church property!

Our aim, with the help of other generous sponsors, is to put rice in their bowls and food on their tables for the rest of the week.

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International students have been deeply touched by the generosity.

The need is great. Our GoFundMe fundraising campaign is called: Show Hope. [FULL STORY](#) >

To donate please go to: www.gofundme.com/f/Show-Hope

ANGLICARE'S SERVICES MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Lorri Clarke, Anglicare Tasmania

For many Tasmanians, the coronavirus pandemic has made life more difficult, lonely or uncertain. Anglicare continues to reach out and provide essential services to the community's most vulnerable.

"Whether it's financial counselling, in-home support for older Tasmanians and people with disability, responding to those who live with mental illness, or helping people find appropriate, affordable housing, our team is working very hard to help keep our community safe and well," said Anglicare CEO Chris Jones.

"We have modified our services and working arrangements without compromising on quality. As we move towards an ease in restrictions, we're taking a careful, sensible approach that puts the health and wellbeing of our clients and our team first.

"We know it will be a long haul and our services will be more important than ever as we transition into a tough post-pandemic period," he added.



Anglicare has continued to deliver services throughout this time of self-isolation, including home delivery of essential food and medications.

With many people around the State finding it hard to put food on their tables, parish-based baking and food delivery programs have stepped up.

"Our church volunteers quickly adapted their programs to continue supporting people while adhering to new safety protocols," Chris said. "With many volunteers in the 70+ age bracket, the addition of younger people to the rosters bodes really well for the future."

Anglicare has made small quick-response grants of \$500 available

to parishes to help with food relief, financial assistance and support to older people living in isolation. Please contact Parish Community Development Coordinator Margaret Savage at m.savage@anglicare-tas.org.au for more details.

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MISSION

DISCIPLING MEDICAL STUDENTS AND DOCTORS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

A Tasmanian doctor shares her story

A few years ago, some medical students asked for help starting a Bible study. Since then every Wednesday night we've met to sing, read the Bible, pray and encourage one another. At the end of their degree they usually leave our city to do internship in rural locations.

The experience is isolating socially and spiritually.

In mid-March our small group moved online. While there were obvious limitations, we were delighted to notice some new opportunities. Our junior graduates who were working away were able to reconnect. For some this

was the first fellowship like it in over a year. It was a stressful time for them as they treated suspected coronavirus cases with a lack of equipment, knowledge and support.

Our online discipleship group became a source of holistic support, nourishing their spiritual lives but also providing medical information and social support. Through the local branch of IFES, protective medical equipment was sent to them. We are hoping to connect online with Christian medical students in Tasmania for some international fellowship.

While we are looking forward to meeting again face-to-face it has shown us that staying connected with our alumni is both important and possible. As they serve in rural and remote locations, often with little spiritual support, we need to figure out how online discipleship might work for them.

A CALL TO STOP AND PRAY

Anne Brown
St George's
Battery Point



During lockdown Victor has rung the church bell at midday every day inviting people to stop and pray. Locals have engaged and expressed thanks, many saying it has been a great comfort to them.

A pastoral care letter was sent to every household in the parish. In response, to our delight, we received many unexpected donations for our annual Floodlighting of the Tower appeal.

READ FULL STORY > [A Tiger, Truffles and a Bell Tower](#)



COVID'S SURPRISE BLESSING

Revd Chris Thiele, King Island

"No more Church Services until further notice". What a shock! King Island thrives on its many community groups and connections. No Sunday church gathering is a huge loss of fellowship and community.

On King Island lots of people have technology challenges: no internet, poor phone reception, no DVD player or USB facilities. Just as I was at a loss as to what to do, a surprise phone call.

The manager of King Island Radio Station asked if we could record and broadcast a service on Sunday mornings. To my surprise, lots of people are tuning-in; people who would never go to Church. Their feedback is very positive.

The manager of the Radio Station excitedly rang me Sunday afternoon after the first broadcast; "We have had 180 active engagements with the broadcast". Active engagements = People who downloaded it, to listen to.

Due to the surprising response, there are now plans to broadcast a service every Sunday even after we go back to regular church services. [FULL STORY>](#)

CONNECTING WITH OUR OLDER MEMBERS



"We usually have three people over 90 years old connecting to our 'Zoom church' meeting each week,"

Recognising how important it is to be connected, people across our state have been helping older members to feel connected and if possible, to join church online.

"We usually have three people over 90 years old connecting to our 'Zoom church' meeting each week," said Revd Ruth Hanlon, Parish of Sandy Bay/Taroona.

At a local nursing home (before complete lock-down) Ruth visited Helen, an 87-year-old, who hadn't been able to attend church for a number of years. Helen was keen to join 'Zoom church' so Ruth arranged for a parishioner to visit. They connected her to Zoom and showed her how to join the meeting.

"It is wonderful to see everyone, people I hadn't seen for a long time. I never thought at my age that I would learn how to use an iPad. I really enjoy learning and seeing everyone I wouldn't otherwise be able to see," said Helen.

Judy Stone is a parishioner at Devonport Anglican Church. "My family talked me through how to use Facebook and connect to the online church service. I managed to do it and was very happy that I could watch the weekly service," Judy said. "I am getting a lot of pleasure from it."

At 91, Vida Hope is a regular at Holy Trinity, Launceston. Writing to The Ven Dane Courtney thanking him for his newsletter, Vida said, "it has been an immense comfort to me, and I look forward to watching the online services. On Sunday I'll join the Zoom prayer meeting – yes, I'm getting very tech savvy!"

It is reassuring that our older members feel well catered for. They should be commended for embracing this season of change so courageously.

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