



From the Bishop's Desk

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

THE GATHERING 2008 – BEYOND IMAGINATION

What a wonderful gathering of God's people coming together to celebrate. I have received many positive comments and emails and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Cavanough and his team for the excellent program. We *Imagined* our Future together in music, prayer word and fellowship. The Children sang, the Idea of North group, Peter Gray, Cameron Semmens and our own Wellspring Band all entertained. People arrived by car and buses from all over the state, and the Furneaux Islanders by plane! We even had REVD ALISTER PALMER join us from England. Please go to our website to enjoy the pictures.

<http://www.tasmaniananglican.com/>

ORDINATION

A joyous occasion last Tuesday evening witnessed the Ordination of CHRIS JONES and ROSS NICHOLSON as Missioner Bishops in the Diocese of Tasmania. The Cathedral was packed, the choir under the direction of Craig Doherty sang beautifully, the flowers were magnificent but more importantly we pray that the Holy Spirit will bless us all as we take this step together to share the Gospel throughout the Diocese of Tasmania. Please pray for Chris, Christine and their daughters and for Ross, Jenny and their children as they settle into this new phase of their ministry. There are some great photos and the sermon on our website at

<http://www.tasmaniananglican.com/>

REVD BOB and SUE WITTEN have advised they will be retiring on 31 April 2008 from Bob's dual roles as Project Priest in the Parishes of Brighton/Pontville and Southern Midlands, a joint venture of the parishes and BCA known as the Anglican Rural Community Development (ARC) Project which commenced in 2005. Earlier, Bob served with BCA as Rector of the Furneaux Islands, and prior to that in mainland parishes. Sue is a nurse, and the couple have been a wonderful addition to our ministry team in Tasmania where they have strongly supported mission, both here and overseas, and contributed hugely in very practical ways. The Wittens plan to retire back on the mainland. We owe them a big debt of gratitude. Please pray for them as they prepare for retirement and for the Parishes of Brighton/Pontville and Southern Midlands as they plan for a way forward for their Parishes.

The induction of THE REVD BRUCE GEEVES will be held in the Hutchins School Chapel of St Thomas next Thursday 13 March at 7.30 followed by supper. Please mark this date in your diary to come and support Bruce in his role as Community Chaplain for the Hutchins School. This is a fine mission initiative by the School and I am delighted to seek your support for Bruce and the School.

DECEASED

It is with sadness that I advise you that Clare Fallon, daughter of Revd Martin and Thelma Hunnybun of Cygnet, passed away last week after a long illness. Our prayers are with Martin and Thelma together with their two sons as they grieve the loss of their daughter and sister.

It is also with sadness that I advise that Canon Emeritus Ronald Desmond Tyson has died and his funeral was held last week. Please pray for his wife Joan and family as they grieve the loss of Des.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

This morning the Dean led us in a refreshing service for the opening of the Second Session of the 46th Parliament of Tasmania. Dean's sermon at <http://www.stdavids cathedralhobart.org/sermon-dean-parliament-46/>

*A Celebration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper,
the Renewal of Commitment of Christ's Ministry, and
the Blessing of Oils*

WEDNESDAY

19 March 2008

11 am Cathedral Church of St David

AND

4pm St Andrew's Westbury

Can I please encourage all clergy and laity to attend one of these important and very moving services.

For further details, my Personal Assistant, Sandra Fagan – 62202015

The Dean, Dr Lindsay Stoddart – 62 344900 **or**

Revd Jo Pyecroft – 63911042

Light refreshments will follow each service

SOME RESOURCES

Audacious Anglicans

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/aw/downloads/127/aw127b.pdf>

The Anglican Way

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/aw/downloads/127/aw127c.pdf>

Both are excellent articles from The Anglican World magazine

SOME DIARY DATES

13 March	Commissioning Revd Bruce Geeves, Hutchins School
14-16 March	Parishes of Circular Head/Sheffield/Ulverstone/Penguin
19 March	11.00 am Blessing of Oils, Cathedral Church of St David
19 March	4 pm Blessing of Oils, St Andrew's, Westbury
21 March	Good Friday Services, Cathedral Church of St David
23 March	Easter Day, Cathedral Church of St David
23 March	Awakening Easter March 2pm Franklin Square
29-30 March	Parish of Latrobe
30 March	Parish of Moonah, Confirmation (+Chris Jones)
1-3 April	Bishop's Retreat
4 April	Mission Support Officers meeting
6-10 April	Bishops' Conference
12 April	Invest, South Tasmania
13 April	Parish of Howrah
15 April	Heads and Chairs of Schools, Launceston
15 April (evening)	Parish of Latrobe
16 April	Board Meeting, Launceston Church Grammar School
17 April	Bishop's day at LCGS
18 April	Diocesan Council, Campbell Town
19 April	Parish of Riverlinks
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22-23 April	Futures Workshop
25 April	Anzac Day service
26 April	Parish of Bellerive
29 April	Confirmation at St Michael's Collegiate
2-3 May	Vocational Advisors Conference
4 May	Parish of Hamilton
7 May	Parish of Howrah
11 May	Parish of Launceston South

Yours sincerely in Christ's service
Shalom

+John

John Harrower
Bishop of Tasmania