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From the Bishop's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Last Sunday (Palm Sunday) was the Commissioning of the REVD SCOTT SARGENT as Enabler for the Parish of Break 'O Day on Tasmania's sunny East Coast. Scott was commissioned by the Venerable Helen Chick. Please pray for Scott and Jan as he undertakes this extra workload and for the Parish as they move forward together in their ministry.

EVIDENCE THAT TASMANIA HAS A SEVERE DROUGHT PROBLEM

<http://www.tasmaniananglican.com/drought-early-2008/>

These photos were taken in late January and show the level of the crisis. Since then the situation has worsened. Prayers are also included.

THE STORY OF HOLY TRINITY LAUNCESTON

For a very interesting read please go to <http://www.holytrinitylaunceston.org/history.html>

THE REVD ALEX AND MRS JOAN KORNACZEWSKI (Parish of Howrah) have accepted a position with The Healing Ministry Centre, Golden Grove Limited in Newtown NSW. They take up this position on 1 April. Alex will combine the Chaplain and Ministry Development position with some Resident Host duties. Alex and Joan have completed a long ministry in the Diocese of Tasmania which has been a source of blessing to many. Please pray for them as they seek God's guidance in this new ministry and for the Parish of Howrah as they work toward their future.

VISIT TO THE NORTH WEST

Last weekend I headed to the North West of the state to take part in meetings, church services, confirmations, youth groups and sharing with many people in the towns of Sheffield, Smithton, Ulverstone, and Penguin. It was indeed a wonderful time for me (this being one of the opportunities made available under our new Imagine Project). The ministry to the young people of Circular Head is outstanding and it was very encouraging to see the good news of Jesus Christ being shared with young people. For those who were at The Gathering you will remember the large group of young people in bright blue t-shirts- well these are the young people I met with. Morning Worship at Sheffield included the commissioning of two new team members, Kellie and Tracey. Meetings followed with parishioners, parish council and ministry teams concerning ministry in small rural communities.

The confirmation service at Ulverstone set in Palm Sunday worship, was an enthusiastic occasion. John and Shirley Tongue have been warmly received as have their ministry initiatives. Fellowship at Penguin with the Parish Council and the Local Ministry Team was followed by Ulverstone parishioners joining us for afternoon tea and evening prayer, warmly and ably lead by Revd Helen Gleeson.

Thank you to all who arranged these visits.

*A Celebration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper,
the Renewal of Commitment to 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 contact my Personal Assistant, Sandra Fagan – 62202015,

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

Revd Jo Pyecroft – 63911042

Light refreshments will follow each service

EASTER 2008

This is Holy Week, and already for some of us in our Palm/Passion Sunday worship we have contemplated, as did the early believers, Jesus' talk about leaving. The fear and loss of hope that the disciples had invested in Jesus was palpable. Nevertheless, in Christ's manner, and in his moving through the events of these final days before Easter, he offered confidence and assurance. If those hopes seemed hidden by the events of Good Friday and the emptiness of the following hours, "the secret" burst forth again, even more powerfully, by news of his rising.

The gift of Easter is to see Jesus again, to remember what He taught and did, to live and to celebrate our resurrection in Him.

Gayelene and I pray that God's peace will be with you all at this Easter time.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service

Shalom

John

John Harrower

Bishop of Tasmania