



From the Bishop's Desk

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

REVD JOHN GRAHAM-FREEMAN

I am pleased to announce the commissioning of John is 7pm 16 January 2009 at St John's Devonport. This time and date coincides with the end of CMS Summer School and so I would encourage as many of those at Summer School to go via Devonport and join and encourage the parish and John at this special time. Please pray for John and his wife Bronwyn and their family as they make preparations to move from Noosa to Devonport.

Our sincere thanks go to REV LES MONAGHAN and his wife Ruth who are covering the Parish from now until the end of the year.

ORDINATION

Please mark in your diaries the Ordination at the Cathedral Church of St David will be at **3 pm** Saturday 22 November 2008. The team from Mission Afloat will be providing a BBQ meal for a small donation. Please pray for the ordinands as they prepare for this important day in their ministry. Full details will be announced next month.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST DAVID – FOUNDATION DINNER

I join the Dean in giving thanks to Mrs Edith Langham and the Foundation for organizing a sumptuous Foundation Dinner at the Hobart Town Hall last Thursday. It was my pleasure to be the MC for the evening. Over 80 guests enjoyed a five course meal and gave their full attention to Mr. Richard Tallboys who spoke eloquently but many a twinge of humor, of the connection of City and Cathedral. The date was the 166th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Diocese with the appointment of Bishop Nixon and the proclamation of Hobart Town as a City. The Foundation has raised some \$2.4m for the refurbishment, currently being carried out. This week the original clerestory windows have been removed, in order to be transported to the mainland for conservation. As the Dean says "Australia's most beautiful Cathedral is looking even more beautiful". The first stage of the Conservation will be completed substantially by Christmas with some stonework repairs in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

+Chris

Vicar General