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### **From the Bishop's Desk**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

#### CHAIRMANSHIP OF TRUSTEES

Mr Robert Whitehouse has tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Diocese after 28 years, the last 9 as Chair. His financial skills and history of diocesan affairs have been invaluable and we are most grateful for his long and continued commitment. His service as a Trustee and prior to that as Diocesan Treasurer has been outstanding. Robert has also had a long and very close association with Clarendon Home and again, his expertise has seen that organisation, despite its many changes, placed in a very sound financial position.

At the recent meeting of the Trustees, Ms Anne Brown was elected Chair and will take over this position after the November meeting. Anne is a churchwarden and Synod representative of the Parish of St George's, Battery Point and has served on a number of Diocesan committees. She has been a Trustee since 1992 and Deputy Chair since 2006. She is a commercial lawyer in Hobart and a member of the Board of Anglicare Tasmania Inc as well as a past chairman of the Board of St Michael's Collegiate School.

We give thanks to God for Robert and Anne who give so freely of their time and talents.

#### NEW RECTOR FOR HOLY TRINITY

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Warwick Cuthbertson as Rector of Holy Trinity, Launceston as from the end of January next year. Warwick has served faithfully the Parish of Burnie and seen the redevelopment of St George's and commenced the Somerset Connections Project. Please pray for Warwick and Nerilee as they prepare to move and for the Parishes of Burnie and Holy Trinity as they prepare for this change in their lives. Warwick's commissioning is planned for 7.00 pm on Friday 29 January 2010.

#### THE REVEREND HELEN CHICK

The Reverend Helen Chick has accepted an appointment with BCA in the Parish of the Central Mallee in the Diocese of Bendigo effective from 3 December 2009. Helen is currently serving part time in the Furneaux Islands and Deloraine Parishes. She will attend part of the Clergy Conference to say

farewell to colleagues. We thank Helen for her faithful service at Longford, Dorset, Deloraine and the Furneaux Islands and I ask that you keep her in your prayers as she enters this new phase of ministry.

#### PARISH OF WEST TAMAR

BCA has advised that it has extended the appointment of the Reverend Chris and Mrs Wendy Thiele until December 2011. We are grateful to BCA for its support and to Chris and Wendy for their work in this parish. Please pray for them and the parish as they continue their work for Christ.

#### LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

I had a most enjoyable day at Launceston Church Grammar School last week. I spent time with the Chaplains, Paul Grayston and Elizabeth Poland and the students and some staff and attended a Board meeting in the evening. Some of the questions posed by a group of grade six pupils and year twelve Religion and Philosophy Class are on my blog <http://imaginarydiocese.org/bishopjohn/>.

#### BREAK O'DAY PARISH

My visit to the Break O'Day Parish was, as usual, a very rewarding experience. From "Beef, Beer, Bibles and the Bishop" (a men's fellowship tea on Saturday) to my first visit to Holy Trinity, St Marys on Sunday. I was more than adequately looked after by Alexander and Carole Withers and the good folk of the parish and it is good to hear their positive stories.

#### PARISH OF LONGFORD

A pleasant meal at the local pub with the Reverend Mark Eaton started my visit to Longford last weekend. I preached at Christ Church on Christian Giving on Sunday and enjoyed coffee from the parish's new coffee machine. The green pastures of the Midlands were a delight after the recent drought. I also made a pastoral visit to Martin Pyecroft while in the parish.

#### CMS

The AGM of CMS was held at the Cathedral on Saturday. Andrew and Pamela Lake broke their training to come and talk to members and this was the highlight of the day. Canon John Tongue was elected Chairman and Canon John van Emmerick retired after 30 years service on the CMS Tasmania Committee. We give thanks to God and John for his outstanding achievement.

#### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The funeral of Mrs Marion Hadrill, wife of the Reverend Hugh Hadrill was held in Hobart last Saturday. I have expressed our sympathy to Hugh at this sad time. Please hold him and his family in your prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service

Shalom

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**Bishop of Tasmania**