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From the Bishop's Desk

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

KING ISLAND

Jazz at the Grassy Boat Club, Christian Maturity seminar, Cheese Factory ☺ rich fellowship and worship – what a marvelous mixture. The many initiatives of the island community indicate the scope for personal creative skills and life styles to flourish. Population is falling to near 1,500 and brings new challenges.

NEW NORFOLK

Confirmation and fellowship at New Norfolk followed by time spent exploring the exhibit and wondering at the mobile pulpit and extraordinary ministry of Tasmania's first chaplain, Revd Knopwood.

DERWENT MISSION CONVERSATION – SALMON PONDS

Great to catch up with clergy and Dan at the scenic Salmon ponds – my first but surely not last visit. Good conversation re ministry and fine food and brilliant company. Thanks Mission Support Officer, Neil Vearing, for organizing or meeting.

COLLEGIATE CHAPLAIN

The Revd Scott Sargent will be moving from Launceston Church Grammar School to St Michael's Collegiate as Chaplain as of the beginning of 2009. Please pray for this appointment and for Grammar as they seek a new chaplain.

ORDINATIONS AT CATHEDRAL

A celebration of God's goodness and grace at the ordination of three priests and four deacons last Saturday. Please continue to uphold the new Ordinands in your prayers. See the Media release at www.anglicantas.org.au and the Ordinands' bios and photos at <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/directory/people.html>

CONFIRMATION

St James and St Andrew's New Town saw three fine young adults confirm their commitment to Jesus Christ last Tuesday evening. The parish has a wide variety of creative ministries, and of course the creative people who make them. PTL!

SPIRITUAL MATURITY WORKSHOPS - BURNIE and HOWRAH

Both parishes invited neighboring parishes to participate. A most encouraging and challenging time to grow basic discipleship habits stronger than ever. I enjoy

this interaction about following the Jesus way in devotion, prayer, Bible reading, giving and fellowship.



CHRISTMAS 2008

It is very encouraging for me to see such wonderful Christmas outreaches in our parishes and I share with you some that have been brought to my attention. I have no doubt there will be many other events in parishes in the Diocese to tell the real Christmas story. Be assured of my prayers for all parishes as you reach out into your respective communities during the wonderful season of Advent.

CHRISTMAS – Live in the city

Sunday 14 - Wednesday 24 December

Our Cathedral Church has joined with our Roman Catholic friends and our respective schools in bringing Christmas to the City of Hobart. There will be carol singing daily, sausage sizzles, and a live manger scene (with real animals). Please pray for this outreach event as we bring the real meaning of Christmas to the City of Hobart.

Bethlehem street Live!

Twilight @ 5 pm – 8 pm on Friday 5, Sat 6 and Sun 7 Dec and Group Bookings
Tues 9, Wed 10 and Thurs 11 Dec at St John's Church, Frost Street, SNUG.

St Aiden's, Lindisfarne

Eastern Shore Ecumenical Carols Sunday 30 November at 7.30 pm.

St Thomas' Howrah

Howrah Grade 3 school choir will join the 9.30am congregation on Sunday 7 December and at 4 pm the Parish will hold a "Kids Christmas Party"

Parish of Buckland

Triabunna School Breakfast Program

This outreach commenced after the Parish heard that many children were unable to avail themselves of breakfast before school and the Principal felt that this was the cause of some of the behavioural problems within the school. The funding for this program has come from Anglicare, the Rotary Club, the Parish of Buckland and with bread provided free by The Bakehouse in Triabunna. This outreach has already started to make connection between the parish and the School and in December the Parish will be hold "The Jesus Story" (The Christmas Story in word and song) followed by "Jesus Birthday Party".

Also Ross and Val will be having "Lunch @ the Rectory on Christmas Day. This is an invitation for anyone within or outside the Parish to come and share lunch on Christmas Day.

Parish of Sorell, Richmond and Tasman

There is a lot going on in the Parish of Sorell this year including the production of a Christmas play (written and to be produced by Andrew Lake) being performed in St George's church with an invitation to parents and community members, a Combined Carols by Candlelight service at Dodges Ferry on Saturday 13 December and an invitation to visit St George's at Sorell to view their lovely nativity tableau.

Parish of Sandford

On Sunday 14 December the Sandford Parish will be holding a BBQ on the lawn at St Matthew's Rokeby followed by a Carols by "Glowstick." This will be an outreach into the community.

SOME DIARY DATES

30 November	Parish of Bellerive, Baptism and Confirmation Service
30 November	Launch of Revd Chris Thiele's book – "Free Too" at St David's Cathedral at 4pm
4 December	Diocesan Ministry Support Team meeting
5 December	Diocesan Council, Longford
6 December	Clergy Christmas Celebration, Longford
7 December	St Paul's Glenorchy followed by Spiritual Maturity workshop
9 December	Hutchins Speech Night (+John Harrower)
10 December	Collegiate Speech Night (+Chris Jones)
11 December	Launceston Church Grammar Speech Night (+John)
18 December	Glenview Christmas Service

Yours sincerely in Christ's service
Shalom

+ John

John Harrower
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