



Anglican Diocese of Tasmania *a healthy church... transforming life*

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From the Bishop's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

NEW DEAN FOR CATHEDRAL

I am delighted to announce the appointment of a new Dean of Hobart, the Reverend Richard Humphrey, for the Cathedral Church of St David. I take this opportunity to thank the Selection Committee and their commitment to the discernment process.

Revd Humphrey returns to Tasmania where he attended school before pursuing studies in architecture and, upon graduation, work in London.

During his university years he participated in the Urban Mission Team of Scripture Union at Rokeby. He topped his year at theological college with first class honours and has served in the parish of Kinson, UK, then in Sydney in Yagoona, Leichhardt, Killara and, for the past eight years, at Cronulla.

Reverend Humphrey is a fine preacher, teacher, liturgist, caring pastor and community builder. His role in peace-making following the Cronulla riots was widely commended.

Reverend Humphrey is married to Georgina and they have four children and his commencement date as Dean is expected to be in the first part of 2009.

I am excited by the Cathedral's strategic plan and believe that Richard Humphrey brings the gifting and experience to help achieve these goals, continuing to build a healthy church which transforms life in Tasmania. Please pray for the Humphrey family in this transition time and for Dr Tom Wallace as he continues as Dean.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION FUNCTIONS

End of school year functions seemed to dominate last week's activities.

THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL evening included the presentation of their new strategic plan by the Principal, Warwick Dean. The new Chair, Scott Harvey, presented the Board report, while awards and thanks to students, staff and parents abounded. A fine address by the School Captain, Tim Graver was a highlight.

LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL trialed a new venue and the presentations were the finale to a great year by students and staff. The Board Chair, David Downie finished his dedicated service with the Board's Report and former student, Dr Richard Eccelston addressed the assembly. Headmaster, Stephen Norris' comments on discipline, acceptance, forgiveness and love were warmly appreciated. The Chaplain, Scott Sargent was fare welled as he moves to ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL next year.

ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

+Chris Jones represented the Diocese at Collegiate's Speech Night and reports that it was a wonderful occasion and featured some of the outstanding performance arts that Collegiate specialize in. Those gathered heard a report from the Principal Mrs Kroneneberg on her recent sabbatical to the United States. The Chair of the Board, Mr. Peter Murfett fare welled the Chaplain, Revd Eleanor O'Donnell

LAYTON HODGETTS OAM

Congratulations to Layton who, last month, was awarded Tasmania's Local Hero for 2009 – under the Australian of the Year Awards. Layton is well known in the New Norfolk community and is the Organist at St Mathews, New Norfolk. Layton also received the 2008 Conductor's Gold Medal – European Band Championships. It is enormously encouraging to see the involvement of Anglicans in the community.

LINDISFARNE PARISH VISIT

Our worship followed the 3rd Sunday in Advent theme of the coming of John the Baptizer and our waiting and hoping for the coming Messiah. Following worship we enjoyed fellowship and joined in the discipleship workshop 'Spiritual Maturity'. Christmas activities are well underway including signage with an attractive nativity painting.

PARISHES UNDER REVIEW

I would like to commend the parishes of Glenorchy and Franklin Esperance for their recent requests to be placed under review. Our legislation allows parishes to activate this powerful option when they feel that significant local issues cannot be resolved without external intervention. I strongly believe that activating this process is a sign of health and life in places that face very real hurdles in order to sustain ministry. I have appointed Rev Noel Bowditch as my consultant to the Parish of Franklin Esperance and Mr Paul Cavanough to the Parish of Glenorchy. Please join me in prayer for these parishes as they begin to rebuild for the future. I also report that the Parish of Latrobe is no longer under review. The careful 'under review' process in the Parish of Latrobe has been completed and the parish has been returned to regular status with a renewed vision.

"THEBRICKTESTAMENT"

The Registrar suggests an unusual resource for children's workers, a gift idea for children and for those who enjoy Lego - <http://www.thebricktestament.com/>
Now, how and why would the Registrar have discovered this Lego resource?

THE TASMANIAN ANGLICAN – DECEMBER ISSUE

Our magazine is available at parishes, by subscription and key articles on the website at <http://www.tasmaniananglican.com/ta200812-00>

AND FROM THE TASMANIAN ANGLICAN – MY “END OF YEAR MUSINGS”

(See the article at <http://www.tasmaniananglican.com/ta200812-01/>)

My passion for God is not in protecting or preserving his divine status. For me the greatness of God is shown in the love that suffers. To be divine is to love, and to love is to suffer, and to love is to come and to save.

When I see a babe in a manger and a man on a cross, there I see love.

The God who is sung to by the mysteries of the Tarkine rainforests and by the pleasures of the dolphins at play is the God who made light shine out of darkness at the very beginning. This God who made us is responsible for us and has shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service,
Shalom

+John

Bishop John Harrower