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From the Bishop's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### REVD MARK EATON

I am very pleased to advise that the Revd Mark Eaton has accepted my invitation to take up the position of Priest in Charge of the PARISH of LONGFORD/PERTH.

Ordained priest in 1982, the Revd Eaton has served for the past twelve years as Rector of the Parish of Oatley, south west of Sydney. Prior to Oatley, Mark served in four other Sydney parishes. He trained for the ministry at Moore Theological College and has degrees from Macquarie University and the Australian College of Theology. Mark has a heart for pastoral care, prayer and mission.

I warmly commend the Revd Mark Eaton to your prayers as he takes up his ministry in the parish at a date to be finalised, expected to be in August 2008. I am very grateful to the Revd Dr Peter Johnston for continuing in his extended Locum Tenens ministry in the Parish. Please pray for Mark and the Parish as they prepare to minister together.

### LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A delightful day of visiting classes, observing learning and answering students' questions: "Who made God?" to "Do you travel much?" Teachers and students alike make this a stimulating day. The Board gives invaluable leadership and I appreciated my time with them and the opportunity to express my thanks as Visitor and also on behalf of the Diocese. A highlight was meeting Brittany and Will, two students who were baptized recently by full immersion in the new school pool. This is a great reason for our Anglican Schools to have swimming pools. Long may they baptize in them!

### THE 2020 SUMMIT: A SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Participant Canon Dr Christopher Newell has written a very poignant reflection. Be sure to take time to read this at <http://www.tasmaniananglican.com.au/>

### REVD STEPHEN HOWARD

As announced last week Revd Stephen Howard has accepted the appointment as Rector of the Parish of Launceston South.

Stephen's COMMISSIONING will be at St Mark's on Sunday evening 22 June at 7pm

### REVD DIANNE MILLIGAN

Dianne has advised me that she has accepted the position as Rector of the Parish of Palmerston, a satellite city of Darwin.

Part of Dianne's ministry will be to a craft group drawing in 80-90 women a week and the parish has a day care centre for children every week day. Dianne will be inducted on 11 June 2008. Please pray for Dianne as she settles into her new life and ministry in Darwin.

## ANZAC DAY

Breakfast with the Dean preceded the St David's Cathedral ANZAC Service. The Dean had invited "all diggers and all who value their service to join in worship of thanks for lives sacrificed and bravery shown in all wars but especially at Anzac Cove". It was an uplifting time attended by our new Governor, His Excellency, The Honourable Peter Underwood, AO. Then followed the Lord Mayor's reception, the march past of the ANZAC Parade taken at the Hobart Town Hall and the conduction of the ANZAC DAY Remembrance Service at the Hobart Cenotaph.

## THE DAY AFTER ANZAC DAY, BELLERIVE PARISH HOSTED - THE REAL MEN'S BREAKFAST

(Honest, no quiche!)



- *Have you ever wondered how an ordinary bloke gets to be a Bishop?*
- *Have you ever looked at your life and thought that it might be full, but of all the wrong stuff? Or that despite all the stuff that life is full of, that somehow it still seems quite empty?*
- *Have you ever wondered why loads of perfectly normal men – yes, blokes just like you – are prepared to make God an essential part of their lives, and not feel the least bit embarrassed about it?*
- *Have you ever thought you'd like to have a good breakfast that didn't cost anything, which you didn't have to cook yourself?*

Well here's a chance to hear one voice that might answer some of those questions, because you have been invited to:

## **“A BREAKFAST WITH THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF TASMANIA - *The one and only* BISHOP JOHN HARROWER” -**

\*Now, that was a scary invitation to fulfill as the guest speaker. Thank you to Stephen Carnaby and THE REAL MEN'S BREAKFAST team for a great time and one beeeeeautiful breakfast!!

## PARISH OF RIVERLINKS

Over April 19-20 I spent time with the Parishes of Riverlinks and St Leonard's. It was a very encouraging time meeting with the Riverlinks' Local Ministry Support Team Saturday and hearing of their blessings and challenges, and sharing ideas about appropriate liturgies, mission principles for Enabler Supported Parishes and Youth Ministry in Launceston. Sunday morning Confirmation Service at St Aidan's saw great joy as four adults testified to being disciples of Jesus Christ.

At the Confirmation Service I shared my thoughts about the significance of the faith we proclaim as we state our belief as expressed in the Apostles' Creed. I warned the congregation that by affirming that Jesus is God we were breaking the Tasmanian law of blasphemy, because the Koran says that anyone who says Jesus is God blasphemes. To which an elderly woman said loudly, "Too bad!" It was a profound moment and gave us more conviction as we recited the words of the Creed. It also reflected something of the grit and courage of Christians when their beliefs are opposed and when our Lord Jesus is diminished. We see this playing out in so many places around the world, starting close to home with daily 'Australian-speak'.

In the afternoon we dedicated the extension to the St Aidan's worship area which provides easy access, beautiful light, hospitality, a welcoming glassed meeting space clearly visible

from the street, kitchen and toilet/changing facilities. I am often heard to say, "Good facilities, facilitate good ministry". It's true at St Aidan's. Thank you, to the project team.

#### PARISH OF ST LEONARD'S

What a creative ministry is Café church. IRFON AND BARBARA GRIFFITH'S 'tent-maker ministry' is rejuvenating the Parish. Not only has the parish community renovated the interior of the church with carpet, comfortable chairs, stylish wooden cabinets and lectern, heat pumps, a coffee area, data projection, etc, but the exterior has also been refreshed. The latest facility to be renovated is the rectory. A step of faith has been taken to forgo the rental income and use the rectory for children's ministry and meeting rooms. Living faith produces living ministry. It encourages me greatly to see the Gospel being ministered amongst the people of the parish and beyond. 'Beyond' is especially so through Koreans, Thais, and other international students from World View College who join with the parish in local ministry and in receiving Christian hospitality during their time of study.

#### SOME DIARY DATES

29 April	Confirmation at St Michael's Collegiate
30 April	Chairman, SPCKA AGM, Melbourne
2-3 May	Vocational Advisors Conference
4 May	Parish of Wellspring teaching 'Discovering Christian Life'
6 May	Australian College of Theology AGM
7 May	Meet with Howrah Parish
9 May	Ordinations and Commissioning Riverlinks - See FTBD 06/08
14 May	AWF AGM and closing Eucharist
18 May	Sesquicentenary, Parish of Cressy
21 May	Mission Support Officers, Campbell Town
23-25 May	Tasmanian Synod, Launceston Grammar School
15-21 June	Bible teaching, St Andrew's Cathedral Singapore
22 June	Founder's Day service for LCGS at St John's Launceston
22 June	Commissioning of Revd Stephen Howard, Sth Launceston
25 June	Confirmation, Parish of St George's Battery Point
26 June	Bishop's Day at St Michael's Collegiate
2 July	Confirmation, The Hutchins School
10 July-23 Sept	Lambeth Conference and Long Service Leave
8-10 August	Ministry Conference
28 September	Confirmation, Edge Anglican, Claremont
6-9 October	Clergy Conference, Launceston
10 October	Confirmation at LCGS (to be confirmed)
11 October	Parish of Break O'Day
12 October	Swansea Parish
17-19 October	General Synod Standing Committee
24-25 October	Parish of West Coast
30-31 October	Mission Support Officer Retreat
5-6 November	Ministry Council Retreat
7-9 November	Parish of King Island

Yours sincerely in Christ's service  
Shalom

**+John**

John Harrower  
Bishop of Tasmania