

From the Bishop's Desk



Missionary Diocese of Tasmania
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

ARCHBISHOP PETER & MRS CHRISTINE JENSEN

JESUS ALL ABOUT LIFE (JAAL)

As part of the Anglican Church of Tasmania's commitment to the ecumenical JAAL promotion, Peter & Christine Jensen will be visiting from Friday 28 September to Monday 1 October.

May I encourage you to be part of one of the following events:

Friday Evening 28 September - 7:30 pm Archbishop Jensen
Public Lecture @ the Stanley Burbury Theatre, UTAS, Sandy Bay
Topic – ***The Future of Jesus***
Lecture 1 hour, Q&A time 20 minutes
Refreshments to follow

Saturday Afternoon 29 September - Mrs Jensen
Ladies Afternoon Tea \$15 per person
3:30 pm @ Hadley's Hotel
Topic – ***Living Securely in an Insecure World***

Saturday Evening 7:30 pm Archbishop Jensen
Evangelistic Event – St George's Battery Point
Topic - ***Engaging with God in the 21st Century*** – We live in a confusing world with strong claims about truth and Jesus; will the church survive the 21st Century?

To register interest for the above events please phone the Diocesan Office on 62202020 or email dme@anglicantas.org.au

Archbishop Jensen will be preaching at the Cathedral Church of St David at 10.00 am Sunday 30 September.

Topic: ***Church is Family***, Philippians 2:1-11

Sunday evening 6:00 pm Archbishop and Mrs Jensen
For the Young & Young at Heart
Stanley Burbury Theatre, UTAS, Sandy Bay
Topic – ***Jesus – What Future has He Got?***

OUR NEW 'NEWS' WEBSITE

Our diocesan website is being rebuilt. It will become more of an informational and inspirational website which will go live before the end of this year.

But we don't want the news to be swamped. So we've built another website just for the news. You can find it at: www.tasmaniananglican.com

Why put the news on another website?

- * There's so much of it and we want you to be able to find it easily.
- * We want to encourage you to contribute to it even more.
- * We want the new site to become a rich resource for Anglicans who are interested in our history and (especially) in our living church.

The new site is home to the online version of our bimonthly magazine *Tasmanian Anglican*. You can find all the old issues back to 2003. Soon they'll go back to 2000.

As well as text and photos we can play audio and short movies. We have a gallery of photo albums which we hope will grow rapidly. And we need plenty of local news. This is a great opportunity for your parish, organisation or group to tell the rest of us what you're doing.

There are three ways in which you can help:

- 1) **News:** Photos with captions and a brief report are very welcome.
- 2) **Archival photos:** If you have photos of general or historic interest, whether from last year or a hundred years ago, then we'd love to see them.
- 3) **Mistakes:** If you find anything that needs correcting or improving, please tell us and we'll fix it straight away.

Learn how to submit on the '**local news**' and '**contact**' pages.

I am very grateful that ***tasmaniananglican.com*** is a gift to the Diocese from Skeers Jerrim Pty Ltd which will continue to host and develop the website into the future. It is also the gift of the hundreds of contributors to *Tasmanian Anglican* over the years - and of our tireless editor, Sheelagh Wegman. Thank you.

I trust our new 'news' site is an opportunity to tell the Good News in a way that is attractive and interesting to all.

TASMANIA DECLARED TO BE IN DROUGHT

This week Tasmania has been declared to be in drought. The situation is critical for farming families and the rural communities who are affected financially and emotionally as they see the trauma of stock, grain and crops dying without water. Farms, rural businesses and services are at risk and the strain on the communities is enormous. The role of the church is vital in bringing prayer, hope and loving care. Please pray.

See Bishop of Riverina's letter - <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/prayer/index.html>

SEPTEMBER 21 - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Encourage your church to observe the IDPP by including prayers for peace this Sunday. Prayers can be found here:

<http://overcomingviolence.org/en/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace/resources.html>

CLERGY CONFERENCE

Thank you for your prayers. Brian Roberts, National Director BCA, gave a challenging address based on research of Australia's 'new bush'. Fellowship was great as was the Grindlewald centre where we met.

CHRISTIAN BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2007

Winner of Christian Book of the Year for 2007

FAITH & DUTY: The John Anderson Story by Paul Gallagher
(Random House Australia)

Joint Second prize —

EXILES: Living Missionally in a Post-Christian Culture by Michael Frost
(Strand)

MINISTRY IN DISASTER SETTINGS: Lessons from the Edge by Stephen Robinson
(S G Robinson)

Winner of the Young Christian Writers Award - 2007

WATCH OUT! GODLY WOMEN ON THE LOOSE by Corallie Thornton for her unpublished story

Winner of the Christian Theological Writers Award - 2007

GOSPEL-CENTRED HERMENEUTICS by Graeme Goldsworthy (Apollo)
with honorable mentions for –

ALVIN PLANTINGA AND CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS by Keith Mascord

WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Reflections on the East African Revival by Colin Reed

For more information see http://www.spcka.org.au/ACLS_About.htm

MICAH CHALLENGE

For your interest a statement to the leaders of APEC sent by the Panel of Reference of Micah Challenge, of which I am a member, can be seen at

<http://www.micahchallenge.org.au/resource/StatementtoAPECLeaders.pdf>

SOME DIARY DATES

Please note that the TASMANIAN SYNOD for 2008 will be the 23/24 May at Launceston Church Grammar School

21-23 September	Understanding Our Muslim Neighbours, Seminar, Parish of Break O'Day,
28 Sept-1 October	Archbishop Peter and Mrs Christine Jensen
30 September	Southern Midlands Parish
2 October	South East Mission Network conversations
4 October	Diocesan Mission Support Team/MSOs
5 October	Hartz Mission Network conversations
7 October	Edge Claremont Parish, Baptisms & Confirmation Founders Service, Collegiate School, Cathedral
9 October	Guest speaker, Engineers Australia
12 October	Heads of Churches meeting
14 October	Kingston Parish, Confirmation and lunch
18 October	Ridley College – preach and meet with students
19 Oct-26 Oct	General Synod – Canberra
30 October	Heads and Chairs of Anglican Schools
31 October	Southern Midlands Youth ministry
1 Nov-2 Nov	Mission Support Officers Retreat
4 November	New Norfolk Parish
7-8 November	Ministry Council Executive Retreat
9 November	Diocesan Council
10 November	Clergy Early Christmas Celebration
11 November	BayWest Parish
13-14 November	Futures Workshop
20 November	Preaching at Registrars' National Conference
24 November	Ordination at Cathedral at 10.30 am
25 November	Bellerive Parish, Confirmation
28 November	Anglicare Board Meeting
29 November	Sandford Parish, Confirmation
2 December	All Saints, South Hobart Parish
9 December	South Launceston Parish
11 December	The Hutchins School Speech Night
12 December	Launceston Church Grammar Speech Night
12 December	St Michael's Collegiate School Speech Night
14 December	Enablers' Meeting at Ross
20 December	Glenview Christmas Service
24 December	Midnight Christmas Service, Cathedral Church
25 December	Sandford Parish

Yours sincerely in Christ's service
Shalom

John Harrower
Bishop of Tasmania