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From the Bishop's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

MEMORIAL SERVICE - EARTHQUAKE IN SICHUAN CHINA.

Members of the Public are invited to attend a Memorial Service for all people involved in the Earthquake in Sichuan China.

Time: 11 a.m. 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008

Location: St. David's Cathedral, 125 Macquarie Street, Hobart

Donations will go to the Embassy of The People's Republic of China

<http://au.china-embassy.org/eng/>

COMMISSIONING OF REVD MARK EATON

The commissioning of the Revd Mark Eaton as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Longford/Perth will be held at 7pm Tuesday 19 August in Christ Church, Longford.

Please 'mark' ☺ this date in your diary and pray for Mark as he prepares to move to Longford and for the people of the Parish as they mission together.

PARISH OF CRESSY - SESQUICENTENARY

The Parish of Holy Trinity Cressy has been in continuous party mode these past weeks as they celebrated 150 years of God's faithfulness. Holy Trinity Sunday was a fantastic day of praise and thanks to God and remembering God's people. Thanks to Revd Alan Bulmer and ALL the parish for their joy in service. One of the great stories was told by Warden Ron Gibson:

"WHO WAS IT?"

*While the Rector was away the Parish Warden, Mr. John Brumby, filled in for him at Holy Trinity, Cressy.*

*In October, 1880 Mr Brumby buried Israel Simcox, who was later found walking around the town!*

*So who did Brumby bury?*

*No – one knows!!!*

The current Parish Warden, Ron Gibson, explains that this is why Wardens are not allowed to take funerals!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Bill Dixon, husband of Revd Lesley Dixon passed away recently. Please keep Lesley and the family in your prayers.

2. For healing for Mrs Pam Stott who had a stroke while in Church last Sunday. Pam is married to Revd Alister Stott of Riverlinks Parish.

3. For rain for our very dry and barren State:  
Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

A request has come from parishes affected by the terrible drought to join in prayer at the Sunday services and pray for rain on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June with a special request for God to break the drought. Some resources can be obtained from <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/prayer/index.html> and are printed:

### IN TIME OF DROUGHT, FLOOD OR BUSHFIRE

In time of drought, flood or bushfire

All things look to you, O Lord,

to give them their food in due seasons:

look in mercy on your people,

and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions are threatened by drought.

In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.

So guide and bless your people,

that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth

and give you thanks with grateful hearts,

through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

### RAIN

God our heavenly Father

through your Son you promised

to those seeking first your kingdom

and your righteousness

all things necessary for bodily welfare:

send us, we pray, in this time of need,

rain to water the earth,

that we may receive its produce

to strengthen and sustain us

and always praise you for your bounty;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### 4. For the victims of the Burma earthquake.

The following is part of a communication received yesterday from World Vision's Chief Executive Officer, Revd Tim Costello which may be of interest.

##### *"Light At The End Of The Myanmar Tunnel"*

*It has now been a week since I returned from Myanmar. In that week we have seen the door open a little more to the international aid community. Five of our international staff obtained visas including two Australians – Steve Goudswaard, the Relief Operation team leader, and Rod Jackson, WV Water and Sanitation expert. I spoke with our National Director James Tumbuan last Friday as he was about to leave for a plane tour of the Irrawaddy Delta. This was courtesy of the Australian Ambassador, Bob Davis, who included him on a special Ambassadors Tour organised by the Myanmar Government. I have spoken to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd about what further commitments and action the Australian Government should take.*

*Also last Friday, UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, successfully negotiated an agreement with the top General Than Swe, that Aid workers would be allowed into the country as well as the Delta region. Today's reports suggest that the first ex-pat aid agency staff were allowed to visit the Delta"*

#### TASMANIAN SYNOD

I was greatly encouraged by the atmosphere, warmth in fellowship and planning of the Tasmanian Synod held in Launceston last weekend. I am thankful for all those who took the time out of their busy lives to invest in this important and necessary occasion to keep our Diocesan administration on the right track. Our Registrar, Russell Morton and his assistant Lesley Metcalfe did an excellent job in sorting out all the fine details and I extend my grateful thanks to them.

My *Presidential Address: preparing for the biggest day of your life* can be viewed at <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/index.html>

#### *Barnabas Column – Stories of Encouragement.*

I announced this initiative which tells of God at work in the Diocese.

See <http://www.tasmaniananglican.com/barnabas-column-2008-05/>

If you have good news stories happening in your parish or community please email them to [ministrycouncil@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:ministrycouncil@anglicantas.org.au) .

#### MISSION PARTNERSHIP WITH DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

Gayelene and I have been invited as the keynote speakers to conduct the Bible Studies for the St Andrew's Cathedral Camp. We would appreciate your prayers as we open the Scriptures with our friends in the Diocese of Singapore.

Gayelene will be speaking on Lydia in Acts 16 and the "un-named woman" in Luke 7. I will be conducting three studies on "Walking in Holiness".

Bishop Chris Jones, as Vicar General, will be in charge of the Diocese in my absence from 5 June until 21 June.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service

Shalom

**+John**

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