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## Registry Reflections February 2007

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### Greetings from the Diocesan Office

I trust the New Year has started well for you. We did not have reason to prepare a Registry Reflections in January, so this one, dated February, is the first for the year. I am happy to announce a competition to start the year - to find a new name for **Registry Reflections**. The name needs to capture the idea that this is all vitally important information, and will preferably be alliterative as is the present one. I'm not prepared to accept **Registry Rubbish** or **Diocesan Doodles**; a bit of dignity please. Prize for the chosen title will be appropriate honour and glory, and a cup of coffee with the Registrar when visiting Hobart. Do email suggestions to [diocese@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:diocese@anglicantas.org.au).

A few matters for your attention and/or interest:

### Insurance

Separately you will receive a letter about property and contents insurance for 2007, together with details of the insured values for properties and contents for your parish. These have changed from 2006 in almost all cases, so please check them carefully, and especially to confirm that all properties are covered.

Whilst there have been only very minor increases in premiums for what we term on the parish invoice 'Fire and General', it has been necessary to raise the 'Public Liability' premium by 8% to \$1,200 per annum to more accurately reflect cost recovery for this cluster of policies.

We do expect an 'insurance holiday' in December this year once again, barring some unforeseeable change.

If you require a Certificate of Currency for our Public Liability policy, please email or telephone Lesley.

### Lenten Studies

Looking for material for group or individual use as we enter the season of Lent? Here are three options:

1. Please check **Resources** on our website [www.anglicantas.org.au](http://www.anglicantas.org.au) for the series of five **FREE** Lenten Studies **A Vision For Transformation**, especially written by Revd Peter Adlem.
2. Judith Wallace, wife of Tom, retired Anglican priest who assists Bishop John as Educational Advisor, has written **Lord, Teach us to Pray**, an illustrated 30-page, \$7 booklet of seven studies on the Lord's Prayer. They are based on the gospel accounts of the origin of the prayer and are suitable devotional/teaching material for Lenten study groups. The studies arose out of discussion about changes to the Lord's Prayer and questions arising as to its title, scriptural context, characteristics and purpose. Each

study provides *for Discussion* questions with space for individual written response or group discussion summary...and each study concludes with a *for Meditation* extract with photograph. The booklets have been used in Perth diocese and now in some of our Tasmanian church groups. Much of the inspiration for them has come from what Judith calls the "...rich learnings and profound spiritual insights..." from two encounters with cancer, in 1994 and 2004. She continues to write '...as part of a thank offering...to God who loves, empowers and heals...' Judith is unavailable until later in February but the Diocesan Office is holding a sample of the booklet and is willing to pass on orders to Judith.

3. Enclosed with the hard copy of this edition of Registry Reflections is an order form for a \$7.95 booklet for group study during Lent written by the Rt Revd Andrew Curnow, Bishop of Bendigo, entitled ***Being An Anglican Today***. Information on this booklet, including how to order it, can be found at [www.grassroots.com.au](http://www.grassroots.com.au).

### **Change of Diocesan Council meeting date**

Please note that a significant change in the Bishop's diary has necessitated moving the August 2007 meeting of Diocesan Council to Friday 17 August from the previously published date a week later. The meeting on 17 August will still be at Longford, commencing at 12.30pm.

### **Place of Public Assembly Licence and Occupancy Permit**

Broadly, under Clause 3 of Schedule 6 of the Building Regulations 2004, all Places of Public Assembly built prior to 1994 require a current Occupancy Permit.

I am advised, however, that places of worship used for worship and accommodating fewer than 150 persons are exempt from the requirement to get a Place of Public Assembly license and therefore an Occupancy Permit.

If you have any doubt about whether you are meeting these requirements in respect of your parish buildings, please contact me for further information.

### **Whom to contact at the Registry**

Within a few weeks the Registry will be equipped with direct in-dialling and voice-mail. When installation is complete, we will be notifying you of direct-dial numbers for team members. In the meantime, we repeat the list of whom to ask for when you call our main number (03) 6223 8811 and speak with Receptionist Arianne Woolley:

Office Manager, Lesley Metcalfe - **All general enquiries, Registrar matters, payroll**  
Bishop's Personal Assistant, Sandra Fagan - **Bishop's Office enquiries**  
Accounts Clerk, Max Andrews - **Accounts receivable and accounts payable**  
Finance Office, Ray Phillips - **Investment account enquiries**  
Diocesan Mission Enabler's Personal Assistant, Rebecca Kuipers - **Min Council & related**

Blessings

Russell Morton  
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