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Pre-Synod Meetings and Registry Briefings

It was good to meet with a significant number of Synod Members last week. Our thanks go to the three parishes - Burnie, St John's Launceston and Holy Trinity North Hobart - for hosting the meetings.

Synod

A mailout last week carried details of the Mission Tea and a request for Synod Members to book in for the tea so that catering can be planned. Since then, we have received details about the catering for lunch on Saturday at Synod, and information about this is also being circulated, requiring a response to assist the planning. Both meals are being served by a parish group at a modest cost as a fundraiser for a mission trip, and we are grateful for their willingness to do this. Quick replies, whether by email, phone (6220 2019) or mail will be much appreciated.

If you haven't received either an email or a letter about the lunch by Monday 14 May, please contact Lesley urgently (6220 2019).

Please note, if you are planning to stay at Grammar, the deadline for bookings is 5.00 pm on Thursday 24 May 2007. At this stage only a few triple rooms are left (nobody has requested the dormitory so far).

Parish Rolls

Under the Parish Administration Ordinance Regulation 12j., all Parish Rolls became void on 1 April as this year sees the first session of a new Synod. If your parish has not announced at services during March that parishioners now need to sign the new roll, then that should be attended to as soon as practicable.

Information concerning names on marriage documents

We sent out to all clergy who are registered as Marriage Celebrants in the Diocese a document received from the Attorney-General's Department containing new information on the names to be used on marriage documents such as the Notice of Intended Marriage and Marriage Certificates. If you have not received a copy of this, and would like one, please contact Lesley on 6220 2019 and she can either email or post you a copy.

Old Diocesan Directories - Can You Help?

We are missing some copies of our Diocesan Directories, which we would very much like to have for historical purposes. If you have a copy of any of the following, would you please either let the Registry have it, or lend it to us so that we can copy it and return it to you. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Directory	1999-2000
Diocesan Directory	2000-2001
Diocesan Directory	2004-2005

A Tasmanian Anglican Goes Missing

Do you happen to have a copy of the October 2000 Tasmanian Anglican that you would be prepared to let the Diocese have, or which we could copy and return to you? We would love to hear from you.

Diocesan Policy on Clergy Housing

Diocesan Council has over some months considered, refined and finally adopted, with effect from 10 July 2007, a policy on clergy housing. This is attached and can also be found on our Diocesan website.

Concerned with the diminishing number of parish-owned residences for clergy and rising rentals, Council has affirmed the Diocesan policy that each parish provides a residence for the Incumbent, whether parish-owned or rented by the parish.

In a situation where there is agreement between a priest and the parish/agency to pay an accommodation benefit instead of providing a residence, then the policy prescribes how that benefit is determined.

The policy also redefines the Diocesan standard for clergy housing.

A Bill is being taken to Synod in relation to part of the policy. I will in June work with those parishes whose budgets will be affected by the policy, in preparation for the July implementation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at this stage if you wish to clarify any aspect of the policy.

Privacy and Confidentiality Policy

Diocesan Council on 27 April adopted a revised Privacy and Confidentiality Policy for the Diocesan Office and Registry. We are now checking our procedures to ensure we are fully compliant, and I draw your attention to the right of individuals to choose not to have data about them in our Directory and/or on our Web Site. We expect shortly to upload to the Web Site the permission form described in the policy.

The policy also provides a framework for the collection and use of data in **parishes**, and I ask that you check that your parish or agency is compliant with the policy. Again, please contact me at any stage if this deserves further elucidation.

Church Furnishings

Holy Family Inveresk, a church in the Parish of Holy Trinity Launceston, is being closed and whilst a number of items of furnishings from the church will be deployed elsewhere in the parish, there is a number of other items available for sale or negotiated use elsewhere in the diocese. Please make contact with the Rector, the Revd Doug Edmonds, on 03 6331 4460 by Friday 18 May if you are interested.

Marriage Preparation

Revd Paul Chew has asked for the following information to be distributed around the Diocese.

“Prepare-Enrich” is a course for people who want to be trained to assist people who are planning to get married. It covers expectations for marriage (kids, jobs, sex) and dealing with issues in marriage (conflict, in-laws, etc). It is user-friendly, effective and used around the world.

The details for the training day are:

- Saturday 9 June 2007, 9.30 am to no later than 4.00 pm in the Cathedral rooms.
- The cost is \$135 per person and \$97 for anyone who requires re-accreditation.

RSVP to Paul Chew before 5 June on 0424 441 304 or paul.chew@bigpond.com.

For more information see www.prepare-enrich.com.au.

Blessings

Russell Morton
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