

TASMANIAN REGISTRY REFLECTIONS

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A NEWS SHEET FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE

Serving the Church at Mission in Tasmania

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Please Don't De-Register for GST

A letter and questionnaire was recently sent to some non-profit organisations inviting them to deregister for GST if eligible. The letter was issued to approximately 15,000 non-profit organisations who have voluntarily registered for GST in an effort to ease their compliance burden. The ATO excluded from this population organisations that are members of GST groups or GST religious groups. However, it appears that some parishes have received the letter and it has caused confusion. The ATO has advised that approximately 90 organisations who received this letter are Anglican affiliates. The ATO randomly checked these to ensure that they weren't part of a GST religious group prior to issuing the letters and only issued letters to those bodies that were showing up on the system as not belonging to a GST group or GST religious group.

If your parish received this letter, please **DO NOT** deregister, but instead let us know so that we can follow the matter through.

Insurance, Risk Management, fairer Assessments and other matters of import

The Registrar would like to meet Parish Administrators, Secretaries, Treasurers and/or other nominated members of Parish Councils to discuss a new Risk Management manual, ways to minimise insurance premiums, and proposed changes to Parish Assessments.

The relevant dates for each of the three main areas of the state are

Monday	21 November	7:00pm	St David's Coee
Tuesday	22 November	7:00pm	St John's Launceston
Thursday	24 November	7:00pm	Holy Trinity Hobart

Please plan to have your parish represented at one of these meetings. If distance prevents attendance, please let us know and we will see what alternative arrangements can be made for farflung parishes such as the Islands and the West Coast.

Staff

Last month the Diocesan staff team was swelled by the welcome addition of (Mrs) Rebecca Kuipers, newly-appointed Executive Assistant to the Diocesan Mission Enabler Paul Cavanough.

Position Vacant

The Diocesan office is endeavouring to recruit a book-keeper/accounts clerk for between 20 and 25 hours per week to assist the Finance Officer Ray Phillips. We can be flexible about which hours are worked during the week, and also open to negotiating time off during school holidays if needed. If you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to contact the Registrar on 6223 8811.

Downloading Forms from the Diocesan Website

We are in the process of uploading a number of commonly used forms to the website, such as those which relate to payment of visiting clergy, clergy leave forms and so forth. If there are other forms which you would like to see uploaded for your convenience, please let us know.

We are investigating the possibility of providing the facility to complete and submit them on-line as well, in due course.

Synod 2006 - Location and Dates

Next year, Synod will be held a week later, from the evening of Friday 26 May until late Sunday afternoon 28 May. It will be held at Launceston Church Grammar School, and there will be some accommodation available for delegates who would like to live on site. Details would be provided in good time next year.

Other 2006 Calendar Dates

By the end of November you will be able to find the key diocesan dates for 2006 on the diocesan website www.anglicantas.org.au

Workers' Compensation Insurance

All clerical and lay people paid through the Diocesan payroll system are covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance, premiums being invoiced to the relevant employing agency or parish. If your parish or agency employs someone directly, please be aware that you must make this provision yourselves; such people are NOT covered under the Diocesan scheme. If you wish to add such people to the Diocesan payroll and thereby simplify such matters as Workers' Compensation Insurance, please contact us to make the arrangements.

Anglican Church Calendar 2006

If you missed the advertising for this annual publication, proceeds from which are partially directed to AngliCORD, and you would like a copy or copies, the email address is st.augustines@dingley.net or telephone (03) 9584 9563.

Licentiate of Management and Leadership

The Christian Institute of Tertiary Education has furnished us with details about this on-line course, endorsed by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches. It appears to be based on a European course and at the basic level is said to be equivalent to a graduate diploma. Further information is available on their website at www.mssinstitute.com/lml/lml.html, by emailing cmlprg@mssinstitute.com or telephoning (03) 9848 0225.

To Give To Good Home

The Parish of Glenorchy have a Ricoh FT4522 photocopier (large) in fair, working order to give to a worthwhile cause. If you are interested, please contact Ross on 6272 7638.

Russell Morton
Registrar