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New Telephone Numbers

A welcome grant from the Anglican Development Fund has made it possible to upgrade telephone services in both the Diocesan office and the Cathedral. We now have direct indialling and voicemail. Please change the Diocesan phone numbers in your address list. Please call the number you judge most appropriate for your specific enquiry, or Reception if you are unsure.

6220 2020	Reception/Arianne Woolley	general enquiries (requiring 20-20-20 vision!)
6220 2019	Lesley Metcalfe/Russell Morton	registry, insurance, payroll, property, Christ College Trust, AH&W, employment
6220 2015	Sandra Fagan/Bishop John	All Bishop-related enquiries
6220 2016	Rebecca Kuipers/Paul Cavanaugh	Ministry Council
6220 2013	Ray Phillips (Wed-Fri)	investments with the Trustees, ADF
6220 2027	Max Andrews (Mon-Thu)	parish accounts, receivable and payable
6220 2025	Helen Phillips	Mission Support Officer, Safe Ministry Officer
6220 2026	Bruce Geeves	<i>Nostalgia Now</i>

(Although also enjoying the new facility, the Cathedral phone numbers remain unchanged.)

You're Now Reading *Church Matters*

We had many suggestions for a change of name from *Registry Reflections*, many of which referred most unkindly to the Registrar with suggestions such as *Russell's Ramblings* and *Morton's Musings*. These people will be dealt with in due course. Second prize went to Archdeacon Warwick Letchford for *Notes and Hopes* which, it was felt, captured something of the combination of business and mission which is indeed the focus of our work. However, for simplicity and elegant *double entendre*, the prize goes to Ray Metcalfe for *Church Matters*. Ray, come on down.

Synod

This year sees the commencement of the 50th Synod of the Diocese, again held at Launceston Church Grammar School. It is the electoral synod at which the composition of the various church councils and committees for the forthcoming three years will be determined. There will

be a report from National Church Life Survey (NCLS), a Mission Tea addressed by National Director of the Australian Board of Mission Linda Kurti, and a two-part presentation from theologian Brian Edgar and climatologist Mick Pope on climate change and how we might respond as a church. Visitors are most welcome.

Please note that Synod will commence with a worship service at 7.00pm on Friday 1 June and conclude no later than 9.30pm on Saturday 2 June 2007. Once again, inexpensive accommodation will be available at Grammar; details will be forwarded to Synod reps.

Pre-Synod Meetings and Registry Briefings

Once again, the Registrar will meet with Synod Reps, Treasurers and other members of Parish Councils and clergy to introduce Synod business including the Estimates and Elections. These gatherings will also serve to provide updates on general and administrative matters, with special emphasis on HR matters, our confidentiality policy, insurance and property matters. The meetings, open to all, will be as follows:

7.00pm	St David's Coee	Monday 30 April 2007
7.00pm	St John's Launceston	Tuesday 1 May 2007
7.00pm	Holy Trinity North Hobart	Wednesday 2 May 2007

Synod Reports

We are anxious to receive all reports for Synod to enable printing to commence. If you have received a request for a report from your organisation or group, please forward it to Lesley as soon as possible. Our great preference is for electronic copy to save retyping. If you think your group has not received a request, or if your parish wishes to report some fresh initiative, please contact Lesley urgently on 6220 2019. We want the scope of Synod reports to be as comprehensive as possible.

The Mars Bar prize goes to Brian Heazlewood (Cursillo) for getting his Synod report in within one week of it being requested.

Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund

We have received notification from the Commonwealth Bank relating to funding which is available for programs which assist children. The Local Grants program supports initiatives that improve the health and well-being of Australian children, awarding community groups grants up to \$10,000 to fund programs to benefit their local community.

For more information refer http://about.commbank.com.au/group_display/0,1922,CH2045,00.html
From that link you can apply online for a grant if you wish.

BP Cards

A gentle reminder that the Diocesan Office merely administers the fuel card scheme and does not set fuel prices. Please check your regular, monthly advice to determine how much you have saved by using the card rather than, say, using supermarket discount docketts.

Ordinations - we rely on parish assistance

Ordinations - and there are generally at least two per year - are a wonderful celebration as God calls leaders from amongst us. The next is on Saturday 21 April on the West Coast, although most are held in our Cathedral Church. Ordinations, attended as they are by widely drawn groups of people, are followed by an opportunity to mingle and chat with refreshments being served. This is where we need your help. Parishes from or to which an Ordinand is being called

are asked to provide a share of the food to be served and to supply two members to assist with preparing, serving and clearing up on the day. The Bishop's PA, Sandra, coordinates by specifying what food to provide, and overseeing on the day.

Accounts Payable

The Diocesan Office continues to improve systems following the provision of new computing facilities by the Trustees and the additional staffing resource. The most recent aspect to come under scrutiny has been matter of overdue accounts, where until now it has proved very difficult to produce statements with aged receivables.

Thank you for your patience in this matter, and for the gentle responses to our letters seeking rectification or clarification of overdue amounts. If you received such a letter and have any questions at all, please contact Max on 62 2020 27.

Blessings

Russell Morton
20 March 2007