



# THE MESSAGE

A quarterly publication of the ANGLICAN MEN'S SOCIETY IN TASMANIA

## Easter 2013

This Edition of The Message is but a shadow of any former edition due to the severe incapacity of our secretary/treasurer and editor of The Message Max Robinson to whom - together with Barbara- we send our prayers and best wishes.

### Jesus: Life & hope

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus call us to life and to hope, especially when the going gets tough.

Life is full of uncertainty, It is full of surprises, both good and bad which can knock us off our feet: a loved one is diagnosed with an illness, and we are shaken; a bushfire suddenly threatens the area, and plans and priorities lurch to a different tack; it might be an issue with the kids at school, a relationship that becomes hurtful, the prospect of unemployment.

Whatever the situation, the richness of our response is found in our embrace of life and hope at the time of uncertainty. The message of Easter is a message of life and hope.

Jesus talks about himself as "the good shepherd." He is not some hireling that will run away when the surprises hit, and the going gets tough. Rather, he is 'the good shepherd that lays down his life for the sheep."

Jesus experiences the worst of the worst of human existence - injustice, false accusation, cruelty and ultimately death. Yet throughout this experience Jesus holds on to the hope. That hope is shown to be a real hope, not a vain one, when Jesus is raised to new life.

The hope and life we find in Jesus calls us, moves us and encourages us. It empowers us to not abandon those who are inconvenient, difficult, or burdensome. Rather we find care, boldness, self-sacrifice and courage.

Jesus did not avoid the inconvenient, the difficult, or burdensome. Jesus did not avoid us, even us Tasmanians. He did not turn aside but embraced life and hope through to the bitter end and beyond. We would do well to follow him.

In Jesus, life and hope combine. Tasmania: Live Easter.

John Hammer

Anglican Bishop of Tasmania

### President's Easter Message

What did we give up for Lent?

Did we do the usual and give up chocolate or wine or even, meat or did we do something different?

Did we give up watching television one evening a week and visit some lonely or sick person instead?

Give up looking at other people's worst points and concentrate on their strong points and

positive attributes?

Give up speaking unkindly and let our speech be generous and understanding?

Give up our worries and trust God with our problems and frustrations?

Give up hatred or dislike of anyone and learn to love instead?

Give up fear which presents Christian witness and seek the courage to speak about our faith with others?

Give up spending so much time with newspapers and magazines and use that time to study our bible?

Give up grumbling and learn; to give thanks in everything?

Give up ten to fifteen minutes each day and use that time in prayer?

Give up buying anything but essentials for ourselves and give that money to God's work or to someone in need?

Give up judging by appearance and by the standards of the world and learn to give ourselves up to God?

If we managed only a few of these we have achieved much in our Christian life.

Colin• Kingston Lay-President

---

Some important information for AMS members from the last General Meeting at St.Anne's, Lutana.

We welcome the new National Chairman of AMS the Rt.Reverend John Stead, Bishop of the Diocese of Willochra in South Australia.

The 2013 AMS National meeting will be in Perth, WA (St John of God Retreat Centre, Shoalwater) , between August 30th and September 2. Optional extras: a four-day south west tour August 27-30 : following AMS a 'retreat' at the New Norcia Monastery,north of Perth (September 2-4 inclusive)

Registration information will be available to all members around the week following Easter.

Tasmanian AMS Annual General Meeting: Ross Hotel, July 20th (back up locations at Oatlands and Campbell Town if necessary)

Lay-President Colin will submit a Synod Report on behalf of AMS.

Branches are requested to consider donations to a Bushfire Appeal preferably directly to the Anglican Churches affected.

It was agreed that every member would contribute \$30 towards funding the National Inquiry into

the future of CEBS and AMS in Australia.

The next General Meeting: Holy Trinity, Launceston, 24th May.

CEBS/AMS Inquiry: Several AMS members will be meeting with the Inquiry group in Melbourne on April 27 and a report will be available at the May meeting.

Until further notice will all members communicate in the first instance with Trevor on

Ph: (03)63982507

Email: trevorcowell@bigpond.com

This will relieve Max and Barbara whilst Max recovers from his various medical procedures.

### **AMS Directory- TASMANIA**

President: The Rt.Rev'd, John Harrower OAM Bishop of Tasmania

Lay President: Colin Hingston: 3 Kertch Rd, St.Leonards, 7250

Ph: (03) 6339 1145 Email :colin@bringthatstuffon.com

State Chaplain: The Rev'd Josephine Pyecroft P.O.Box 227,Longford 7300

Email: revjo@bigpond.com

Minute Secretary: Frank Vaughan, 12 Castlereagh Court,Lenah Valley,7008

Ph: (03) 6228 5457 Email: fha.vaughan@bigpond.com

Hon. Sec.Treas. Max Robinson,13 Wellwood St, Lenah Valley.7008

Ph: (03) 6228 3767 Email: barmaxrl@bigpond.com