

Dear Friends

Re: CommuniTAS August 14-16

The Uniting Church in Tasmania holds an annual weekend away for all Uniting Church people to attend. The last three years we have engaged whole families in order to bring children and youth into our midst as well. This year the weekend is again at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell and we want all ages to feel welcome and part of an exciting, engaging, program that will enthuse participants and in turn, encourage and support their communities of faith.

This year's theme is "Transforming our World". Jill Cooper-Ruzbacky, from the Justice and International Mission Unit of the Synod, along with Cheryl Lawrie, Acting Executive Director of Commission for Mission will join us for the weekend. They will lead us through some activities to help us participate in God's mission in the world, particularly focusing on issues of justice. There will be a number of activities, some fun and games, walks on the beach and just spending time together.

This year there are even more options of accommodation both onsite and offsite eg on site camping (campervans and tents), cabins all with heating and shared facilities between four cabins. Off site accommodation includes places like the Shearwater hotel or other accommodation options at Port Sorrell. There is ramp access to the main hall and disability bathroom facilities are also available. The enclosed postcards give pricing options, including all meals.

As a part of the Uniting Church in Tassie we are praying that you will participate in this great opportunity to share a weekend together. Please spend some time in prayer thinking of people who you may want to invite to come – all are welcome, including those who are on the edges of your church community.

On behalf of the CommuniTAS team

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Postcards with details are available please speak to Jo Kelly at Glenorchy, Bev Geard at Claremont, Max Nicholls at New Norfolk or Jeff Gray at any of these places.



Derwent
Cluster

New Norfolk, Claremont-Bagdad, Glenorchy

Sunday 21st June 2015



Jesus calms the storm

Lectionary Readings	
21st June Pentecost 4 1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49 or 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	28th June Pentecost 5 2 Samuel 1:1,17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

This Week

Sun 21st	9.30 am 3.45 pm	Sunday School Jesus & Pizza	Claremont Glenorchy
Mon 22nd	10.30am 11.30am 11.00 am	Worship at Strathglen Worship at Strathaven Pastoral Team meeting	Rosetta Berriedale Glenorchy
Tues 23rd	10-12	Happening—Craft & Games	Glenorchy
Thurs 25th	10.30am 7.00pm	Fellowship group in private home Alpha@Northside Parish Centre, Northside Anglican	New Norfolk Montrose
Fri 26th	10.15am	Choir Practice	Claremont

Next Week

Sun 28th	9.30am	Sunday School	Claremont
Mon 29th	10.30am 11.30am	Worship at Strathglen Worship at Strathaven	Rosetta Berriedale
Wed 1st	9.30 am	Prayer for Chaplaincy	Glenorchy
Thurs 2nd	10.30am 7.00pm	Fellowship group in private home Alpha@Northside Parish Centre, Northside Anglican	New Norfolk 480 Main Rd. Montrose
Fri 3rd	10.15am 10.30am	Choir Practice Worship at Derwent Waters	Claremont Claremont

Prayer Needs

- ♦ The lands and people of Brazil
- ♦ Discernment and insight for the KUCA planning team as they tackle a second edition of the camp for 2015
- ♦ Thanks for the blessings from the Crossroaders Holiday Weekend and the growing relationships between all involved

Presbytery of Tasmania

DAY OF DREAMING

Saturday 1st August
at Riverlands Centre, Longford

***A vital opportunity for people from all over Tasmania –
from congregations, church councils, committees, agen-
cies and Presbytery membership
to meet, think and dream creatively about how things
might be***

for our future ministry and mission in Tasmania.

*We will be guided using “Open Space Technology” – an approach proven
to release new ideas and vision which lead on to practical changes.
There will be a follow-up Day on 5th September to work out the next steps.*

Put these dates in your diary NOW!
Further information from the Presbytery Office.

KUCA Campout

Look out for a second KUCA Campout for 2015. That's right. A second go at the amazing KUCA experience. It will be held in mid-late October (16th or 25th), but the location is yet to be finalised as we can't be guaranteed exclusive use of the Ross Caravan Park.

Anyone can join the monthly planning meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at 8-9:15pm. Join via internet conferencing technology or in person. For more information or any feedback contact: Anthea Maynard anthea.maynard@victas.uca.org.au or 63319784 (w) or 0434337023 (m).

Notes from the 3rd meeting of the Derwent Cluster Church Council
held at Claremont UC on Wednesday 10th June

Devotion: Bev Geard read Psalm 20:1-10 and a comment

Cluster Budget: At present New Norfolk Congregation has insufficient funds to pay its full contribution due to significantly reduced income from the property Ellesmere. We discussed how this situation might change.

Treasurer's Report - revealed that we are meeting the budget at present.

Claremont has made a donation towards maintaining the Midlands/Glamorgan Patrol. It had been revealed that this patrol is funded to the end of 2015 only. An email had been received from Rev Denis Cousens expressing thanks for this donation. Claremont has had a positive response from Presbytery re request for 12 month extension of the money from the sale of Pontville church.

Website Jo, Marilyn and Jeff met with Patrick Feely, website developer, to discuss the website development. After discussion on changing from Synod hosting of the website to having Patrick Feely manage it, it was resolved that the final decision on this matter be made by Jo, Jeff and Stuart after further consultation with Patrick.

Jeff presented some items of correspondence for consideration of the meeting: Green energy audit program to begin in Tasmania – property people may be contacted to set up a time to conduct an energy audit with aim of saving power and reducing costs Communitas – the weekend live-in event will be August 14-16th at Port Sorell There will be Day of Dreaming – Sat 1st August Longford – “What is God calling us to now?” This day to be followed by Sept 5th Sept “Moving into Action” with specific plans and who will work on them

Minister's Report was tabled. Jeff and Teresa will travel to Melbourne on July 5th to celebrate the birthdays of his daughter and 3 of his grandchildren. They'll return on Tuesday 7th.

New Norfolk's Report - Max told the meeting that there is now a new member of their congregation, Owen Dobson. Owen is an accredited lay preacher and is willing to take services

Glenorchy Report - There has been progress on the mural planned for the wall backing onto the car park. 2 schools will be involved – Glenorchy Primary School and Cosgrove High. Details were presented to the Glenorchy Congregation at its meeting on Sunday 14th including financial needs which will not be onerous.

Property some water damage in the manse new carpet and re-painting of wall as well, drainage to be attended to.

Devotions – it was agreed that each of us take a turn at leading Devotions.

Date of Next Meeting Wed 19th August 7pm at Glenorchy

Sunday 5th July

The Festival of Voices will be at the Peacock Theatre at 2 pm

The Choir of High Hopes will be performing.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the door.

Further information - <https://festivalofvoices.com/events/choir-high-hopes>

In support of the SHARE Winter appeal it is suggested that we have a gold coin donation for morning tea and a trade table to assist in raising funds for this cause.

If you have items suitable for a trade table please speak to Jo Kelly or place them in the basket in the foyer.

Just a reminder that we also continue to support Chaplaincy in Schools both financially and in prayer. If anyone would like to know more about this support please contact Jo Kelly.

Sometimes God
calms the storm...
sometimes He lets
the storm rage and
calms His child

The Bible Society invites you to join a Knitathon to raise funds to help get Bibles to those in other countries who are crying out for God's Word.



DERWENT CLUSTER

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Woodbridge Congregation invites you to

a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon **TODAY at 2 pm**

Speaker -Rev Grahame Abrahams of the Mobile Support Ministry from Shellharbour NSW

Rev Abrahams is spending the month of June with the Woodbridge congregation.

He will be speaking on the topic "Mission focused Children of the Light"

There will also be some singing of favourite hymns and songs.

The afternoon will finish with afternoon tea in the church hall.

Tasmanian Council of Churches AGM—Saturday 27th June, 2015
Launceston, (guest speaker to be advised). The Uniting Church is entitled to a number of voting representatives at this gathering but anyone is warmly welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please let the UCA Tasmanian Office know so that your details can be sent to the TCC.



Cluster Website



We are currently having discussions in regard to improving and updating our Cluster Website.



We would welcome any suggestions for information and items that would add to this improvement.



One of the possibilities we are considering is adding in a gallery of photos, to this end we would need to hear from all members of the Cluster as to their approval or non approval of being included in any photos that are uploaded.



If you prefer not to appear in this gallery in any shape or form, or if you have any ideas for content, please let Jo Kelly, Stuart Lenthall, Marilyn Goninon or Jeff Gray know ASAP.



NEW NORFOLK

	21st June 9.30am	28th June 9.30 am
Preacher	Rev Jeff Gray	Congregation
Reader	Max Nicholls	Jacky Whitehead

CLAREMONT

	21st June 9.30 am	28th June 9.30 am
Preacher	Mr Bob Humphries	Rev Jeff Gray
Readers	Olive McVicar	P Eldridge
Flowers / Tea	S Robinson	P Diedricks
Stewards	B & H Geard	E. Clark & J. Davey

GLENORCHY

	21st June 9.30am	28th June 11.00 am
Preacher	Mr Ricky Beswick	Rev Jeff Gray
Worship Coord./ V. Prayer	Ros Beswick Graeme Betts	Gary Kelly Esita Lalagavesi
Reader/s	Jo Kelly	Terry Le May
Prayers of People	Norm Deane	Gary Kelly
Stewards	Norm & Jean	Joan Dimmick
Morning Tea	Joan & Esita	Self serve
Flowers/Cleaning Lawns	John & Jill	Norm & Jean Anthony
Transport	Kevin	Norm

Joanna Kelly is producing the newsletter in June and July

Please have items to her by **THURSDAY EVENING**

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