

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2018

COAL RIVER VALLEY

RICHMOND

10th 9am Morning Prayer
24th 9am Holy Communion

COLEBROOK

17th 3pm Holy Communion

TASMAN (Koonya)

3rd 3pm Holy Communion
17th 10am Morning Prayer

SORELL

Every Week 10am

Holy Communion 3rd & 17th

SOUTHERN BEACHES

3rd – 17th 3pm Dodges Ferry Primary School
24th 3pm Dunalley Hall
Holy Communion

READINGS

June 3rd 2018	1st Sunday		(G)
Psalm 81: 1 - 10	Acts 5: 12 – 26	Acts 5: 27 - 42	
June 10th 2018	2nd Sunday	Stephen Carnaby (Diocese)	(G)
Psalm 138	Acts 6: 1 – 7		
June 17th 2018	3rd Sunday		(G)
Psalm 20	Acts 6:8-7: 36	Acts 7: 37-8:3	
June 24th 2018	4th Sunday		(G)
Psalm 96	Acts 8: 1 - 8	Acts 8: 26 – 40	

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF SORELL, RICHMOND & TASMAN

Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus

June 2018

From the Rector – What is the purpose of the church?

Throughout May and June I'm preaching through the first section of Acts (1-8), which documents the birth of the church through to its persecution and spreading. There's a question I keep coming back to as I read each chapter:

What is the purpose of the church?

It's a really interesting question to hear people think about and discuss in our sermons. For many of us we first have to figure out what we think the church is:

- Is it a building?
- Is it a family?
- Is it a bunch of likeminded people reverently worshipping God?
- Is it a group of people helping the world?

I've wanted to help frame what we see the church as by learning the big theological themes of Acts:

- God's Kingdom
- Jesus' Mission
- The Powerful Spirit
- In God's People

When we put these pieces together, understanding that our identity as church comes from our relationship with our Trinitarian God (the Father's plan, delivered by the Son, equipped by the Spirit), things change. We see God at work in and through the church, we see the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations as a 24/7 lifestyle, and we can weather the storms of culture and suffering. In summary, when we know who we are we know what our purpose is. Our identity is in Christ, and our purpose is to live and share his Good News.

Rev Joel Kettleton

Parish Strategic Plan 2018-2028

The Parish is growing and changing, with a target of growing to 350 members by 2028. Our Strategic Plan identifies **3 strategic growth areas**.

1 Sorell “Growing a Church”. The congregation of this hub mostly come from the fast developing areas of Sorell and Midway Point, along with outer areas such as Penna, Pawleena, and Orielson. Currently, the main life of the church in Sorell is the weekly 10am church service at St George’s. In this hub there are regular activities like Bible Studies, Prayer and Fellowship groups and a weekly Youth group. With Sorell sending around 20 congregation members in early 2018 to plant Southern Beaches Anglican, they have seen the current congregation numbers maintain and slowly grow. The dates, times and locations of each of these are displayed and announced at the Sunday’s 10am services.

2 Coal River Valley “Relaunching a Church”. The congregations of Richmond and Colebrook are being contacted and surveyed to help the Parish form a Ministry Action Plan, leading us to new and exciting opportunities to have regular church meetings throughout the district. Eventually the people of Colebrook, Campania, Richmond and Cambridge will form the basis for this hub. Currently there are services at the Colebrook and Richmond church buildings with some other gatherings being organised locally in parishioners’ homes. Colebrook has Bible Study in the local Tavern on the 1st Thursday of every month. In 2018 the PC will look at ministry options from the Ministry Action Plan, with a future part-time minister appointment to be made for the Coal River Valley.

3 Southern Beaches “Planting a Church”. Rev Jamie Bester began leading Southern Beaches Anglican at the end of 2017. The number of people becoming involved is growing weekly, with the church drawing people from the areas along the coast from Lewisham to Dunalley, along with inland areas such as Forcett and Kellevie. With the former Dunalley congregation joining SBA, Sunday gatherings happen three weeks of the month at Dodges Ferry School, with 4th Sunday services in the Dunalley Hall. Youth ministry in the area is developing in three areas: church on Sundays, a soon to start weekly youth group, and mentoring in Dodges Ferry School. As SBA establishes itself with its own communications, publications, and events, the parish will continue to learn from their experience for ministry in the other hubs.

The Strategic Plan identified **4 ways to achieve our goal** of trebling our church over 10 years:

- 1. Investing in Leaders** - We will multiply our leadership to enable more ministry to be supported. This calls for financial investment for the appointment of lay and ordained leaders to work with the Rector on the

Parish Ministry Team.

- 2. Growing New Leaders** - A key step in multiplying effectiveness in ministry is for our Ministry Team to focus on growing people from within the church in areas of leadership and ministry.
- 3. Pathways to Discipleship** - We’re developing pathways to disciple people from not-yet Christians to followers of Jesus who help disciple others. This progression enables both spiritual and numerical growth.
- 4. Redeployment of Resources** - Our Personnel, Financial and Property resources are currently under review to help us achieve the goal of the Strategic Plan.

Parish Council

Your Parish Council (P.C.) is working hard to accommodate all that is currently happening through the Parish.

Synod - We will be represented at the Tasmanian Anglican Synod early in June where it is anticipated rigorous debate will occur on several items which are currently high in the thoughts and prayers of many parishioners and Tasmanians in general.

Budget - The P.C. is also considering the next twelve months budget for presentation to the Annual General Meeting of the Parish and the newly elected Parish Council in August.

Electoral Rolls for each centre will be distributed shortly and every Parishioner who is over 16 years of age and has attended church services at least 6 times over the past 12 months is entitled to place their name on the Roll. These parishioners can then vote at the Annual General Meeting, usually held late August, where your Parish Council, Church Wardens and Synod Representatives for 2018/19 will be elected.

Parish Council can consist of 9, 12 or 15 people which automatically includes the Rector, Church Wardens and the Synod Representatives.

We look forward to your participation

Dates to Remember

Colebrook Bible Study – Thursday June 7th 1pm Colebrook Tavern

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday June 12th 7pm Rectory

Sorell Men’s Breakfast – Wednesday June 20th 7:30am Sorell Church Hall

Elvanto Training Event - Wednesday June 27th 7:30pm Wellspring Anglican

Cultivate Men’s Ministry – Saturday June 30th 12pm Martin Voss’