

NEWS FROM ANDY, LIZ  
AND OLIVIA GOODACRE  
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Smile....



## hello

It may well be quite a while since you last heard from us. I certainly haven't written a newsletter like this for quite some time.

But life doesn't stand still, and there's quite a bit of news to bring you up to date with.

## family

First up, we are all well and healthy. Olivia turned 2 back in August last year. She is a really happy and bubbly toddler and has lots to say for herself. She is also looking forward to the arrival of 'baby sister' in July! Liz is doing as well as anyone who is 5 months pregnant and has a 2 year old to chase round after!

## ordination and curacy

Andy was ordained priest in the Cathedral in Melbourne in November 2009 - 18 months after being ordained Deacon in Guildford, UK. You might remember that a big factor in our moving to Australia was for Andy to do a final curacy at St Matthew's Anglican Church, East Geelong. We had a great time at St Matt's - running a Mainly Music outreach programme for toddlers and families, doing high school chaplaincy and youth ministry, leading music in the church as well as Andy being part of the overall leadership team of the church.

However, from August 2009 onwards it became increasingly obvious that there was not enough

money to keep paying our salary - which was quite a shock. It seemed once again like change was coming.... But it wasn't immediately obvious what that would mean.

## new job...

Over the next few months, through a number of different circumstances, I ended up applying for, and being offered, a position with the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania, heading up 'The Imagine Project: North' - a new church (re-)planting / outreach ministry to university students at the University of Tasmania in Launceston.

This is a pioneering, mission-focused role, part of some very inspiring and strategic developments in the Diocese of Tasmania aimed at really aligning churches in the whole Diocese to be healthy and missional. In addition to



developing healthy missional church amongst students, I'll be involved in leading St Barnabas, Newnham, a small Anglican church right next to the university, as well as developing university students into missional leaders themselves, some of whom will hopefully then lead similar

missional projects and churches around the state and further afield.

I'm excited even that such jobs exist in the Anglican Church anywhere - and we are all very excited and also thankful to God that this position became available as we were praying about what we should do following our time at St Matthew's.

When I first read the job description and spoke with Liz about it, we both felt it would have been hard to write a better job description for me than the one we had in our hands! The Imagine Project job has been created in partnership by the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania and The Bush Church Aid Society - an Australian Anglican mission organisation which supports mission in regional and rural Australia. If you have a few spare moments, it is well worth looking up these organisations online, and reading about the missional work they are both currently involved in. There are some extra links on our website, [www.lifeincolour.com](http://www.lifeincolour.com).

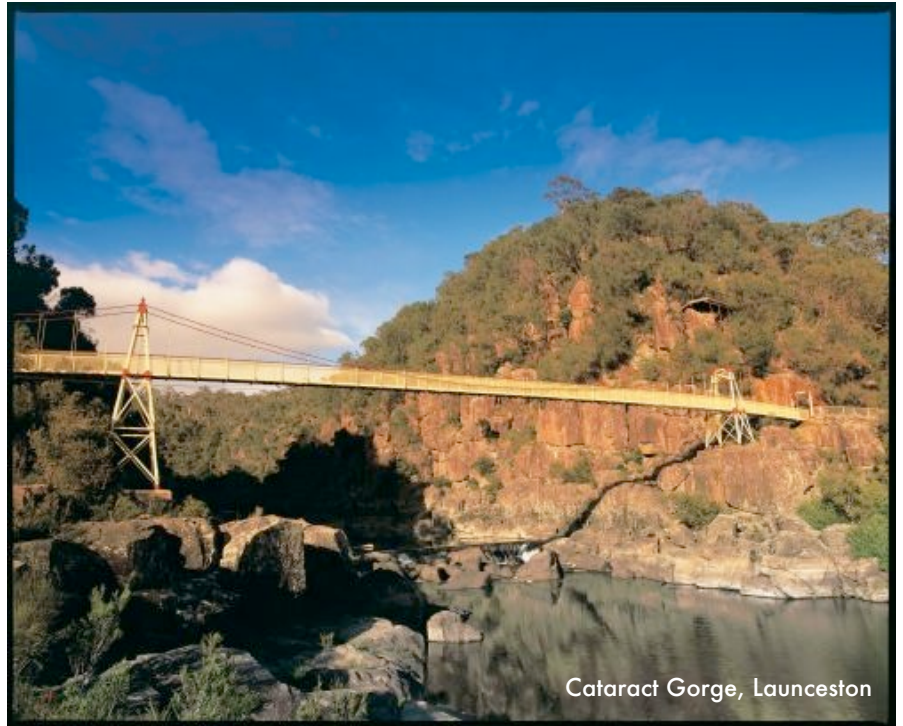
## the next steps

As I write, we have just arrived in Launceston, having spent the last few weeks wrapping up things in Geelong, and packing up our house etc. We've been busy!

We took the overnight ferry to Tasmania from Melbourne on



Enjoying the local cuisine...



Cataract Gorge, Launceston

Sunday night (14 March) and are currently staying with friends for a few days. We are about to head off on two weeks holiday further south in Tasmania - which we hope and pray will give us some well-earned rest and refreshment before starting into the role at the beginning of April.

Our furniture is still in transit at present, and we will be living in temporary accommodation for a few weeks too, until a permanent house is available for us to move into.

We've already been made to feel very welcome in Launceston, and are sure there will be lots of people happy to help with moving in and also once the baby arrives

## prayer

As you can imagine, there are lots of things we need prayer about at the moment. Please pray for Olivia - that she would really enjoy being in a new place, and not be too unsettled by all the moving and change. And please pray that for her parents too! Please also pray for the new baby, that all would continue to go well with Liz's pregnancy, and that Liz would get plenty of rest too.

Please pray that we have a really good rest and good time-out over the next two weeks, and that ongoing work on new visas and a house for us in Launceston would all go smoothly.

And, if you've got any prayers left (!) please pray that we would hear God speaking clearly and guiding our steps as the work here unfolds over the coming months.

Thanks again for taking the time to read our news, and for your prayers. Following where God lead's is definitely not boring!

God bless,

Andy, Liz and Olivia

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