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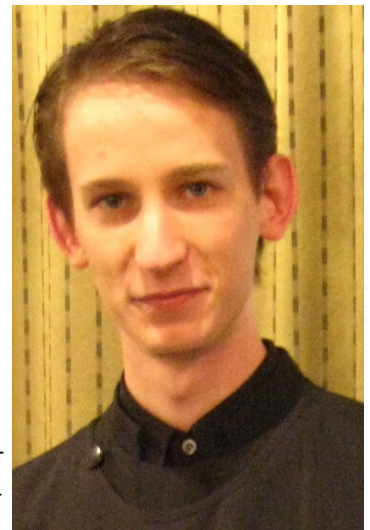
### Guilford Young Leadership Day

It was a wonderfully cold and windy day at Epiphany Monastery, home of the Ecumenical Emmaus Community, as the newly-appointed student leaders from Guilford Young College set about planting trees on the property. The harsh conditions of the Tasmanian countryside did not bring down the hard working spirits of the young leaders preparing for their final year in High School.

The idea of planting trees was not only so that the group learned how to work together, but also to experience taking care of nature and learning to appreciate the tree as a living thing. The day also included an excellently prepared lunch, and a beautiful Taize-style prayer. After that the group had some time of reflection, speaking with Br. Drasko about their experience during that day and what they hoped to take with them to their final school year. All in all, a very successful day.

### New Executive Officer

My name is Frederik Mulder. I am a lay member of the Anglican Church. I was born in The Netherlands and came to Tasmania with my wife Gemma. I am a parishioner of All Saints South Hobart where I am active as a parish councillor, the sacristan and as an altar server. I am studying by correspondence a Diploma of Theology, through Trinity College in Melbourne.



I was a volunteer of the Taizé community between 2011 and 2013, which was a life-changing experience. During that time I entered a deeper relationship with God and found a real passion for ecumenism.

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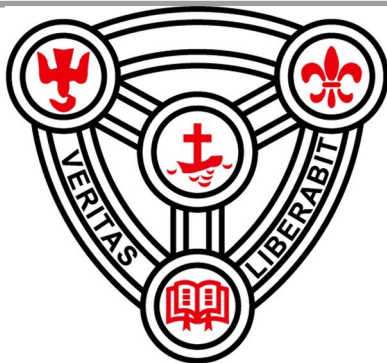
# Christmas Bowl

### Advent Ecumenical Ladies Day

Prayer and afternoon tea for the ladies groups from churches around Hobart. A beautiful Ecumenical service was held at All Saints church last Tuesday with a very well organised afternoon tea in the church hall. A wonderful get together in a warm atmosphere.

### Looking for news

If you have any news that you think should be in the newsletter. Please let us know via e-mail at [tcctas@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tcctas@bigpond.net.au) or write to the *Tasmanian Council of Churches P.O. Box 166, 7008, New Town*. We are always looking for Ecumenical and Interfaith news.



Jane Franklin Hall is a residential college of the University of Tasmania. It was founded by the Tasmanian Council of

Churches in 1950 as an ecumenical Christian college in which residents of all faiths and beliefs are welcome. The college's aims are spelt out on the crest: The pursuit of truth and the freedom that follows from it.

Contact Jane Franklin Hall on 03 6210 0100

### Combined Taroonas Churches

A beautiful opportunity to get to know other people from the local community, and from our wider Christian family. The event of Taroonas Combined Churches will be happening again this Sunday at 2pm at St Luke's Anglican Church in Taroonas. All are welcome.

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Particularly my work for the Taizé community in Mantua Italy and, more recently, in Brisbane has fanned the flame of ecumenism in me. Working with so many people of such a wide variety of denominations was an incredible joy and honour. One of the most noticeable things I encountered during that time was the incredible sense of welcome in all those people from all these different backgrounds and Christian expressions.

Never did I encounter such peaceful unity as during the ecumenical prayers and meetings with the Taizé community. And it is this spirit of peace and unity that I aspire to take with me as I continue this work in the Tasmanian Council of Churches. It is a great honour and joy for me to be able to continue here, at home in Tasmania, what the Taizé community has started in me.

In communion,

Frederik

### Pints of Faith

Pints of faith is coordinated by Catholic Youth Ministry and is a regular event where young adults (and others) can come together to catch up, meet new people, share, discuss and ask questions about faith.



Set in a pub, this event is for all people who have any interest at all in exploring more about faith issues. With fantastic speakers and intriguing topics lined up throughout the year, why not give it a go?

Pints of Faith is held on the first Thursday of the month upstairs at the Hotel Soho, Davey Street in Hobart. And in Launceston every last Tuesday of the second month at the Cock 'n' Bull Pub, 50 Wellington Street. They gather at 6:30pm for a meal and drink, or just to catch up; the speaker begins at 7:30pm, with time for a break, discussion and questions and it is concluded at 9:00pm.