



*Caring for seafarers  
around the world*

# *The Master's Mariner*

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## A WORD FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL CHAPLAIN

It was with a mixture of sadness at his departure and yet with thanksgiving for his ministry that we farewelled the Reverend Tom Hill on 24<sup>th</sup> August. With Liz, he moves into an active retirement on the Central Coast - active in recreation, and in caring for the Anglican congregations at Point Clare and Mangrove Mountain.

Tom had an extraordinary impact on the Mission. During his eleven years as Principal Chaplain, he piloted the Mission from rough seas into smooth and has worked hard to see us further equipped and strengthened for the ministry to which we have been called.

But now another set of callings has taken place – Tom from the Mission to parish ministry and me from parish ministry to the Mission.

So I would ask you to pray for

- Tom & Liz as they make the big adjustment from the Mission into parish ministry / retirement;
- the Mission staff and volunteers as they adjust to the new guy; and for
- the new guy (and his family) as we adjust to a new life outside parish ministry involving a new mission-field, a new group of colleagues, a new church and a new home.

Pray too that the LORD – for His glory - will supply the Mission staff with all that we need to be faithful in this ministry, including the wisdom to embrace His provisions with humility and joy.

In late August I had the pleasure of travelling with the Reverend Tudno Rees

(Port Kembla Chaplain) to the Mission's National Conference in Townsville. This was a very rewarding time for me as I met many of our fellow chaplains and liaison Bishops for the first time. It was also a tremendous time of learning about the Mission's work throughout Australia – and enjoying the hearty hospitality of the people of Townsville. I wish I could say that I was also *enlightened* in terms of weight loss at the Conference, but the food looked so healthy and ...

I am pleased to be able to welcome the Rev. Peter Hyung Kim to the Mission on a part-time basis with a view to a full-time ministry in 2004. Peter has had experience as a driver with the ITF's Boomerang Club, the Asian Seamen's Mission, and has a good working knowledge of ministry to seafarers. We hope that his time at the Mission will bring great blessing!

The new computer and printer donated by the Australian Mariners Welfare Society (SSH) has been a great provision, and is being put to good use by the seafarers, who are availing themselves of this free service to keep in close touch with far-away family and friends.

In the past weeks, Flying Angel House has been given a much-needed facelift, with significant restoration work being done to the street-front fence and the interior walls of the Centre. Problems of damp have now been dealt with and the outcome is a building whose 'health' and appearance have been renewed. Although it has been a long and somewhat disruptive process, it a very necessary one and we hope that you will be able to see the 'transformation' for yourself when you come to our Christmas Carols at 6:45pm on Christmas Eve!