

Some of the Ministry Support Team Members have also been ordained and are known as **Ordained Team Members**.

They are voluntary workers and have been licensed by the Bishop to do the normal work of a priest in the Riverlinks parish only (unless the Bishop decides otherwise) as well as being involved in the general work of the Ministry Support Team.



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## Enabler Supported Ministry & Ministry Support Team



*Riverlinks Anglican Church*

# The Anglican Parish of Riverlinks

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Riverlinks is an **Enabler Supported Ministry (ESM)** parish which is led by a **Ministry Support Team**



**Each Christian Community** in the Parish shares with the Bishop the responsibility for worship, ministry and mission.

**Every member** is a minister.

The **Enabler** is an ordained minister who acts as guide and mentor to the Ministry Support Team.

**The Enabler's responsibilities** are set out in the Parish Administration Ordinance of the Diocese of Tasmania and include:

- The development of mission strategy and encouragement of outreach
- The development of appropriate styles of ministry
- The ongoing identification of ministry skills
- Facilitation of training programs
- Supervision and mentoring of individuals in the development of their particular ministries
- Sunday worship as appropriate

In the Parish of Riverlinks our Enabler is David Rogers-Smith. One of his tasks is to meet weekly with either the Ministry Support Teams responsible for each of our three centres or with the combined Riverlinks Ministry Support Team which is responsible for the whole parish.

The **Ministry Support Team** takes on many of the roles and responsibilities of a traditional rector (and is in fact, the Incumbent of the parish).

These responsibilities are also set out in the Parish Administration Ordinance and include:

- Promoting and participating in the mission of the church and ensuring that it is advanced through the parish
- Being responsible for the ordering and conducting of services of worship
- Supporting and encouraging ministry of all baptised members
- Supporting and encouraging each other as members of the team
- Meeting with the enabler regularly as a team and individually as required
- Reporting to the parish council on mission and ministry matters and making recommendations concerning these
- Reporting to the parish annual meeting