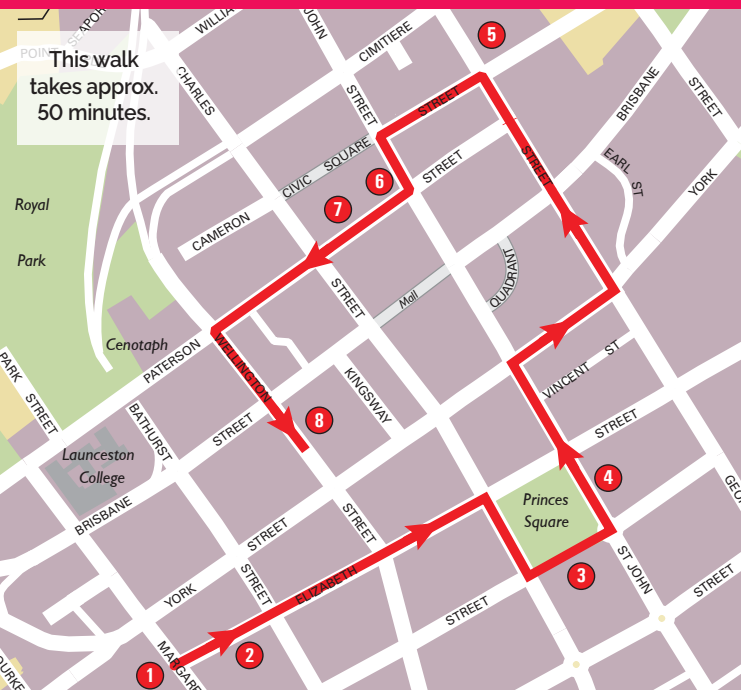


LAUNCESTON CITY MAP



WHO IS SU TAS?

SU Tas (Scripture Union Tasmania) is an interdenominational Christian organisation that works with local churches and communities to bring hope and God's Good News to children, young people and their families and help people of all ages meet with God through the Bible and prayer. We have worked in Tasmania for over 50 years through camps, missions, school programs, resources and school chaplaincy services. For more information or resources, please contact:

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PILGRIM UNITING

After the congregation of the Paterson St Methodist church outgrew the Wesleyan Chapel – which is now the church hall – the Pilgrim Uniting Church building was opened on 21 February 1868 next door. In 1982 the name changed to Uniting Church. It is a large decorated Gothic church, built in brick and stucco design and it is characterised by a large tower and spire, flanking pinnacles and a large traceried window.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- "Pilgrim" was the name chosen by this church in the early 1980s during a time when various congregations came together. The language of "pilgrimage" is that of faithful and dynamic discipleship, following the way of Jesus with open hands, hearts, and minds. We follow as best we can Jesus' way of love for all people, in which we can affirm the way of God.



Walk down Paterson St for 300 m before turning left into Wellington St. Crossing Brisbane St, it is only about 200 m from Paterson St before you reach Gateway Baptist..



GATEWAY BAPTIST

Remember the English man Henry Reed whom we have already met within the context of the Salvation Army? The church in Wellington St was founded by Reed who arrived in Tasmania in 1827, aged 21. Similar to other churches, the building became too small for the large congregation, and thus the foundation stone for a new church was laid on 19 July 1883. The double story Reed Memorial Church opened in 1885, seated 1200 people and according to historic records was full every Sunday! In 2002 the building became Gateway Baptist Church and the church is proud of its culturally diverse congregation.

Interesting as history is, the note from Gateway pastor Noel brings our walk to fitting conclusion:

- "... But the one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead. I press on ..." Philipians 3:13b.
- At this time of living a day at a time during this Coronavirus crisis, we could do well to remember Paul's words and apply them to our lives. We can't afford to wallow in the past (or envy churches that outgrew their buildings and had to construct new ones that were then filled to the last seat 150 years ago – note from the editor). Thinking "if only" only leads to despair. There is one thing to be done – to strive towards what is ahead, pressing towards the goal.

Thank you for joining us on our tour of Launceston city churches.



LAUNCESTON CITY CHURCHES



WALKING TOUR BROCHURE



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1 CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

On 15 September 1864, Bishop Willson laid the foundation stone for this Catholic church. The first section consisting of nave and aisles was opened two years later on 17 November 1866. Due to its magnificent spire, the church is one of the landmarks in Launceston and building works of the tower started in May 1889 when the foundation stone was laid. It took, however, 100 years before the bell tower and spire were installed in 1989.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- We are loved so we respond to God's unconditional love by praying, reflecting and sharing.
- We are called so we respond to Jesus with celebrations, collaborations and inclusions.
- We are inspired to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so we evangelise, serve and nurture.



3 CITY BAPTIST

Before the St John's Square Chapel was opened in 1842, the Baptist congregation held services in a schoolroom down in Frederick St Infant School down the road. In 1885 the congregation grew too big for the St John's Square Chapel and first moved into the Launceston Baptist Tabernacle in Cimitiere St before moving back into a new church building in Frederick St, next door to the old St John's Square Chapel, which is now called Milton Hall. City Baptist Church was formed in 2001 when the Elphin Road Baptist Church and Christ Church Baptist Church amalgamated.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- Jesus is relevant to all of life. We seek to be a welcome presence in the city centre of Launceston by providing meals, emergency accommodation, a listening ear and place of quiet.
- About 40% of all our participants do not regularly attend on Sundays but "do church" in alternative ways reaching out to those who are unlikely to join traditional church on Sundays.




5 HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN

Holy Trinity Anglican Church was opened in 1842 after St John's had reached capacity and an additional church building was required. Towards the end of the century the building developed structural issues which caused substantial building works. These were completed in 1902 but the church as it stands now had always only be intended to be "stage one" containing the chancel, transepts, chapel and vestries. The current building is a down-sized but functional and architecturally pleasing alternative.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- "Doing church" and church buildings mean different things to different people; some people are inspired and feel close to the Lord by Bible-focused sermons, liturgy, choirs singing, processions, liturgically-coloured vestments and prayers. What brings you close to the Lord?

 From Margaret St turn into Elizabeth St where you will see the Salvation Army building on your right after about 100m.

 Keep on walking along Frederick St for about 50m and turn left into St John St. On your right, you will see St John's Anglican.

 Continue down Cameron St for 200m and turn left into St John St. You will now walk along Civic Square and reach St Andrew's.



2 SALVATION ARMY CORPS

In 1870, Henry Reed, a Launceston businessman living in London, donated over £5,000 to William Booth to establish the Salvation Army in Tasmania. Corps soon formed all over the state; they were present in goals and courts, managed child endowment, ran soup kitchens in winter and in times of depression, distributed clothes and opened maternity hospitals in Hobart and Launceston for unmarried mothers. When marching through the city with loud music, Salvos often fell victims to bombardments with flour bombs, mud and beer.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- We are dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by caring for other people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities, and fighting for justice.
- Wherever there is hardship or injustice, we will live, love and work alongside others to transform Australia with the love of Jesus, recognising that God is already at work.



4 ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN

St John's Anglican Church was built in 1825 and is the first church built in northern Tasmania. This was less than 20 years after the city was founded and inside the church building there is a coloured painting of Launceston from this era. The town seemed to huddle around the river and not much further which means that the church was basically built in the bush. It has, however, strong links to England as the bells in the tower of St John's are cast by Whitechapel, the same company that cast the bells of Big Ben.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- What does it mean to you to live life well, together in Jesus? All followers of Christ have a role to play in the Great Commission to make disciples and encourage everyone to engage in ministry.
- We consider mission begins at home but must extend to all nations. We are partners with individuals, families and organisations that proclaim Jesus as Lord and are engaged in his worldwide mission.





6 ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

In 1831 the Scottish population in Launceston decided they wanted a place of worship for the Presbyterian community. This resulted in building the second oldest presbytery in Australia, the Scotch National Church on Charles St near the port. Soon that chapel became too small and the foundation stone for a new church was laid on 16 October 1849. Alongside the foundation stone, a time capsule containing newspapers of the time and various coins including a gold sovereign and a half sovereign was placed. St Andrew's Kirk was officially opened on 5 Dec 1850.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- We are seeking to be centred in Jesus and rooted in the scriptures. Our prayer is through the gospel we will be constantly conforming into the character and likeness of the risen Lord Jesus.
- We are seeking to be effective in our evangelism, practising justice and mercy, integrating our faith and our work, and following Christ's commission of making disciples of all nations.

 Continue walking along Elizabeth St for 450m and just before you reach Prince's Square Park turn right into Charles St. Walk along the Park for about 100m, turn left into Frederick St and City Baptist Church will be visible on your right.

 Now walk along St John St for about 250m and turn right into York St. Walk up York St and turn left into George St after 400m. Continue for 500 m on George St and you will reach Holy Trinity Anglican on the corner of George and Cameron Streets.

 Now, turn right into Paterson Street pass the library and you are already standing in front of Pilgrim Uniting Church.