SERVICE TIMES FOR MARCH

Our services for the combined centres service, held on the second Sunday of each month, are known as GROWING TOGETHER

THE SERVICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

St. David's

Every Sunday

Holy Communion 9.00

On the second Sunday in month

GROWING TOGETHER IN HOLY COMMUNION 9.00

10.30 GROWING TOGETHER WITH WORSHIP FOR ALL AGE

St. Oswald's

Every Sunday except the second in the month

11.00 Holy Communion

(On the second Sunday: Growing Together at St David's 9.00 and / or 10.30)

Every Wednesday

10.00 A service of Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing

"GROWING TOGETHER" - 12th March at 9.00 & 10.30 at St David's -

"Harvest Thanksgiving"

Please pring produce - vegies, fruit, preserves, jams etc., and place in church as an act of thanksgiving to God for the blessings that we receive from him. Freely we have received, freely we give. Proceeds / gifts will be given to aid agencies.

LENT ...

Lent commences on Wednesday 8th March, and in keeping with the practice of the past few years, a short service (7.30 - 7.50) will be conducted in St Oswald's church every morning (Monday - Friday).

These services are led by lay readers and other lay people. I would encourage as many as possible to participate in these special acts of worship - why not call in on your way to work?

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Perspective....

This week I was shown some photos of a wedding I took earlier this year, and as I looked at them, I became very conscious of the fact that I'm getting older, my hair has changed colour. I'm changing in my appearance. And it's all because I'm alive.

That is true not only for every human being, but for everything that is alive. Nothing that is alive stays the same forever. In fact if things, (appearances) don't change, one has to question whether they / it is alive.

Within the Church, we proclaim "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life". He brings life not just to our lives, but also to the Church, and its ministries. The Church is alive, its worship is alive, although there are some acts of worship where one must wonder whether it would be appropriate to place the word "ikabod" (the glory has departed) over the door of the church.

In our acts of worship, there should be the life and activity of the Spirit of God who comes and meets with us. This affects time and content.

How tragic worship would be if it was lifeless, mundane, repetitive ... "As it was in the beginning, so now and forever ... " This does not mean that worship needs to be noisy, (and forbid that it should be entertainment!), for there are times when the Lord speaks through "the still. small voice".

In the sounds of praise, and in the stillness of silence, when we gather to worship, may we discern the presence of the Spirit who gives life!

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Parish happenings...Parish happenings...Parish happenings...

What's on this month ... March ...

Fri 3 10am World Day of Prayer at St Oswald's

Formally known as the Women's World Day of Prayer, this is one of the major international eccumenical events of the year. Everyone who can possibly be there should be there!

Tues 7 7.30 Pancake Night at St David's

This is a taditional evening within the churc's year - *Shrove Tuesday* - the evening before Lent, when traditionally made pancakes, the last sweets before the lenten fasts

Wed 8 1.30 St David's Guild

people began.

Thur 910.00 Parents and Toddlers at St David's

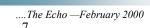
Sun 129.00 and 10.30 - Harvest Thanksgiving - St David's

Mon 13 2.30 Holy Communion at Cadorna House

Wed 15 2.00 St Oswald's Guild

Thur 30 1.45 Holy Communion at Tamar Park

Other events coming soon Fri 28 - Sun 30 April



News ... News ... News ...

Congratulations to Cathy Lawrence

Our own Cathy has been chosen to participate in the Olympic Torch Relay here in Tasmania - well done!! Parishioners, keep your eye open for the 10.30 combined centres event in August!

Parents and Toddlers

A great day was spent on 10th Feb at Tailrace with BBQ lunch. Four mothers, 11 children, some grand parents and some "aunts" all had fun together. The next one is planned for March 9th at St. David's between 10-12am. We would love to see you and a warm welcome is guaranteed!

New Rosters ...

If you would like be placed on the reading roster for St Oswald's or St David's contact Dick Janes (6327 1251) before the new roster is drawn up early in March. If you require you name to come off the roster, do likewise.

PARISH BUDGET

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The Second Sunday in the month ...

I regularly hear the comment from parishioners about the sense of unity that exits within our parish. Several factors have brought this about, including the combined acts of worship on the second Sunday in each month.

Last year we added a 9 am service of Holy Communion to add diversity and flexibility to our combined acts of worship. Both events on this morning are intended to be for both centres of the parish.

The first service is shorter than on other Sunday's so that enough time can be given to preparing the church for the 10.30 meeting. This means that some parts of the service need to be ommited - not that they aren't important, rather for the sake of efficiency of time! (Please be understanding of this necessity - the time of preparation between 10am and 10.30 is frantic!)

□ A small group of interested people is being formed to plan and prepare for □ the 10.30 event as well as other special acts of worship during the year - do □ you have an interest? It does not mean that you would be taking the service. □ We are also seeking interest from someone who would have responsibility □ for the segment alocated to our young people. Please contact me (RKF) if □ you have a beliefe that God is calling you to this ministry involvement. □ Assistance and resources will be available. □

Continue the good work of unity and worshipping together as the church family of St Oswald's and St David's!

How to Drug Proof Your Kids

An Education, Prevention and Intervention Program for Parents

Exexter High School, Wednesday 1st March 2000 7 pm Speakers include: West Tamar Mayor, Mike LeRosignol, principal Exeter High School, local policeman, and Angela Wood, whose daughter died in Sydney after being given ecstacy.

This is an introduction to a course beginning 29th March produced by Focus on the Family and faciliatated by their fully trained coordinator Alison Blackberry.

A very important event. Drugs are in our midst and this course is valid to all parents of todays young people. I can't stress strongly enough on the importance of this course.

They would like others interested to be trained as facilitators.

Alpha ... Lent ... Home Groups

The Parish Council has agreed that this parish participate in the National Alpha Initiative which commences in May. There will be nation-wide promotion and support for those churches who are involved in the event.

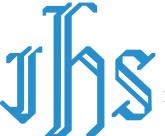
However my observations of our use of Alpha (now into our third year) is that we are weak in the area of asking people to participate. There may be several reasons for this weakness:

- That we don't really have a heart for mission, outreach, evangelism ...
- That we don't really believe that those outside of Christ *do not* experience eternal salvation.
- That we are shy and need help in terms of how we can reach our non-Christian friends and family members, neighbors, colleagues etc.

I believe that it is the latter problem that plagues many Anglicans. And I have good news – there is a course of study that can assist us in naturally, in-offensively reaching our non-Christian friends - "Living the Gospel"

This is to be the recommended course of study for this year's Lenten Study within the Home Groups. *Living the Gospel* is a 6-session study designed to help us explore how we can identify, pray for, serve and invite our non-Christian friends, work associates etc to Church events. Jesus came for the lost ... and that should be our concern too!

It is down to earth, non-threatening nor confrontational!! It is essential preparation for Alpha to reach its full potential.



IHS (IHC)- What is it?

It is a sacred monogram derived from the Greek word IHCOYC (IHXOΨX) meaning Jesus. IHC is the less commonly used abbreviation, and is prefered to IHS for obvious reasons.