

SERVICE TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER

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

9.00 Holy Communion

On the second Sunday in month

9.00 GROWING TOGETHER IN HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 SALT ...

St. Oswald's

Every Sunday **except the second** in the month

11.00 Holy Communion

(On the second Sunday: St David's 9.00 Holy Communion / 10.30 SALT)

Every Wednesday

10.00 A service of Holy Communion
and Prayer for Healing

"GROWING TOGETHER IN COMMUNION"

- 10TH SEPTEMBER AT 9.00

10.00 - 10.30 - morning tea

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Theme for September:
"A Peace of the Action"
OR
Being a Torch Bearer

~THE ECHO~

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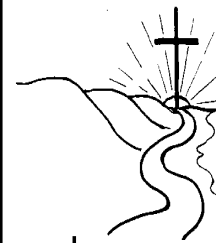
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Jesus
is the way
the Truth
and
the Life

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Monthly Newsletter of St Oswald's
& St David's Churches. September 2000

Heart to Heart....

A Church that has lost it's way?

When King George I saw St Paul's Cathedral (London) for the first time, he described it as "*awful, artificial and pompous!*"

A bad start for Christopher Wren's masterpiece? No, it was a glorious one! In their day, *awful* meant full of awe, *artificial* meant artistic and *pompous* related to pomp and ceremony. Today however, the use such words has the opposite intention.

Did any of you reading this article see the recent 3-part series about St Paul's Cathedral on the ABC Compass program? What a sad state of affairs it portrayed St Paul's to have fallen to. The church that describes itself as the "Parish Church of the Nation" is spending all its energy trying to survive financially, caught up in internal bickering about out-dated theologies which are more relevant to the Old Testament than the New Testament. Here is a church fully caught up in *maintenance* unable (and unwilling?) to be a church at *mission*. I was left with an overwhelming impression that it was **a church that has lost its way**. Mind you, having said that, I wouldn't be able to offer them any advice about how to rectify their sad state of affairs, other than to make radical decisions and throw itself at the feet of the Good Shepherd and follow him who said "*I am the way, the truth and the life*" and obey what they hear.

Returning to the opening paragraph of this editorial, and the use of words. I would like to consider how we need to understand the meaning of one word in particular that we use when we discuss the role of the clergy of the church. It is the word *equip*.

In Ephesians 4.12 we read that "*apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are to equip the saints for the work of ministry*". The Greek word used here for *equip* means basically, *to put into proper working order*. It is used to

describe the mending of a torn fishing net, the mending / setting, of a broken bone. Thus, to “*equip* the saints” (that is, the people who are members of the Church) means to bring their lives into proper working order so as to enable *them to do the work of ministry*.

When a church does not understand that basic role of the clergy - *to equip the saints* - it will become a church that has lost its way. It will become a church trying desperately to survive - a church caught up in maintenance, rather than being a church caught up in God’s mission!

As I did in last month’s *Echo*, I call each and every member of the parish to come to the “Gaining of a Vision for the Parish” that will be on SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER at St David’s Riverside. It will be one of the most significant day’s in the recent history of the parish!

Ross K. Frost

“Gaining a Vision for the Parish”

at

St David’s Riverside.

Saturday 9th September

commencing at 10 am

Everyone is encouraged to attend and
asked to keep this special day in your prayers.

Please bring food for lunch.

Coming up ...

Confirmation at St David’s
Sunday 15th October - 10.30

with

Bishop John and Gaylene Harrower
with Parish luncheon

NEW PARISH COUNCIL AND WARDENS:

Wardens

Norman Lawrence Maree Reedman David Sutton

Parish Council

Stewart Harly Marie Igglesden Dick Janes
Stephen Janes Rebecca Jordan Robin McKendrick
Don Peck Ken Pedley Marcus Smith

PARISH BUDGET

What's on this month ... September ...

Sat 9 10.00 A day for "Gaining a Vision for the Parish"
Mon 11 2.30 Cadorna House - Holy Communion
Wed 13 1.30 St David's Guild
Thurs 14 10am Parents and Toddlers at St David's Hall
8.00 SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrences
Fri 15 - Sun 17 - *Youth weekend - preparation for confirmation*
Wed 20 2.00 St Oswald's Guild and their 50th birthday party!
Thur 21 - Mon 25 **TREND Conference at Sheffield**
Thur 28 1.45 Holy Communion at Tamar Park

Dear All,

What a fantastic 24 hours I have just had! First, carrying the Olympic Flame (bringing the light into Launceston?) and then graduating. It was all made very special for me by the presence of so many lovely people. Thank you for being there either on Friday night or Saturday afternoon and thank you also for those who couldn't be there and yet who prayed for me. We are part of a very special and loving family whose root is in Jesus.

With love,

Cathy Lawrence

MAKING PEACE

The Year 2000 has been designated International Year for the Culture of Peace

-to promote values, attitudes and behaviours in people so that they will seek peaceful solutions to problems'. At the start of 2000 there were 38 major armed conflicts in the world. And inter-personal violence seems increasingly visible in many cultures, including our own.

So is this 'Year' wishful thinking? Or even worse, a sick joke? It may seem so, but in fact there are ways in which peace is being 'made', and the Year celebrates these.

Agencies, like World Vision, which are closely involved in assisting people affected and displaced by violent conflict have learned that if we want to help build peace, we must understand what peace is, why human conflicts begin and how they escalate into violence. We need to tackle not only the effects but the root-causes of conflict. This is as true for conflict at the inter-personal or community level as it is at national or international levels. Caring Australians, and especially Christians, can help bring peace at many of these levels.

What a waste!

Since 1983, a staggering two million of Sudan's 28 million people have died as a result of the conflict. The genocide and insurgency in Rwanda over the past decade have killed another million. An estimated half million people have died in Angola's 25-year civil war, several hundred thousand more have been killed in Burundi; and Liberia's civil war took another 150,000 lives. Similar tragic statistics are recorded for other long-running conflicts, such as in Sri Lanka, Columbia, Argentina and Indonesia.

Millions more people have been displaced, their homes burned to the ground, schools destroyed and converted to bunkers, roads and hospitals bombed, crops abandoned as farmers fled for their lives, children kidnapped and forced to become soldiers.

Apart from the senseless suffering and death, wars paralyse development and worsen poverty. Wars 'kill twice' by consuming resources that might otherwise be invested in social and economic programs. The billions spent on weapons could have bought vaccines or clean water.

On top of this are the post-war costs of restoring damaged facilities and the environment, clearing thousands of landmines, retraining ex-soldiers for civilian employment, resettling refugees and providing for the disabled.

Finally, violence wounds the human spirit, leaving both perpetrator and victim traumatised, fearful, and often leads to further violence.

What is peace?

Peace is not just the absence of war or violence. In a statement that might shock some Australians, an indigenous Australian speaking recently at an international peace conference in The Hague said: 'There is no peace in my country.' The Biblical concept of peace, shalom, means well-being in its fullest sense Brian Wren, the noted poet/hymn writer, reflects on this in 'Praising a Mystery':

Say NO to peace

*if what they mean by peace
is the quiet misery of hunger,
the frozen stillness of fear,
the silence of broken spirits,
the unborn hopes of the oppressed.*

*Tell them that peace
is the shouting of children at play,
the babble of tongues set free,
the thunder of dancing feet
and a parent's voice singing.*

Tackling the roots of conflict

Conflict is an inevitable part of human life. But violence does not solve problems - it only creates more. Any momentary satisfaction we gain from getting even' is soon eclipsed by our uneasy conscience or by fear of retaliation from the one we have injured. As for people, so for nations. We must see conflict as an opportunity - to learn, to grow, to negotiate and find creative solutions to problems.

From "GRID" a quarterly publication from World Vision.

Many years ago I heard the former Archbishop of Cape Town, Bill Burnett say: "*We will only have a renewed society to the degree that the hearts of men and women are renewed*". When he says *a renewed society*, he is speaking of a society where peace - *shalom* - exists.

Leo Tolstoy once said: *Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.*

You may also remember the famous letter that G. K. Chesterton wrote to the editor of the London Times in answer to what was wrong with the world: "*Dear Sir, I am!*"

We have at times sung a song in this parish called Let There Be Peace on Earth which starts out like this:

*Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;*

So be it!

RKF