

SERVICE TIMES FOR OCTOBER

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 OCTOBER AT 9.00

10.00 - 10.30 - morning tea

SALT

Sharing
And
Learning
Together

Theme for October:

“Finding Our True Home”

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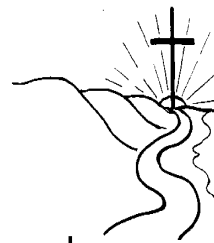
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Jesus
 is the way
 the Truth
 and
 the Life

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Heart to Heart....

A Church Finding New Ways

Following on from the wonderful Vision Day on September 9th, (see page 3 for a report) the Wardens and Parish Council met last Sunday and passed a historic motion:

“This Parish Council commits itself to exploring Local Collaborative Ministry leading to a vote by members of both congregations as to whether the Parish commits itself to this pattern of ministry and mission.”

It was passed unanimously!

The decision was made after lengthy discussion with Bishop John Harrower and Alister Palmer, the Diocesan Ministry Officer.

The meeting was called to discuss:

1. The Parish's attitude towards Ross' possible acceptance of the Bishop's nomination of him to become the Archdeacon of Launceston.
2. The Parish's thoughts on adopting the Local Collaborative Ministry pattern of ministry in the parish, which would allow time for Ross to conduct the ministry of Archdeacon in a responsible way.

Basically this means exploring what it would mean for us as a Parish for every member to discover what their God-given gift and ministry is, and to actively engage in using their giftedness to the glory of God and the service of the church. Who are the teachers, the healers, the carers, the prophets, the encouragers, the servers, the apostles, and the evangelists in this Parish? Are they recognised? Are their gifts functioning in our day to day life?

We find ourselves living in increasingly difficult times. The future is uncertain - from a human perspective. However from God's perspective the future is bright and full of hope!

I am glad that I am part of today's church. I believe that we are on the verge of a new era. Don't expect too much too soon!

I conclude by saying what I placed before the Parish Council on Sunday evening:

I would not ask you (the representatives and leaders of the parish) to consider this proposal if I did not believe that we – ie. God, you and I could do it, and that this is the direction the parish has been moving in for some time.

I believe the Church / Diocese needs prophetic parishes and ministries to be a sign of hope and direction. I believe that God in his grace has placed this option before us. If we don't accept the challenge, who will? Perhaps none of us fully realised the implications of the hymn we sang on the night of my induction to this parish:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

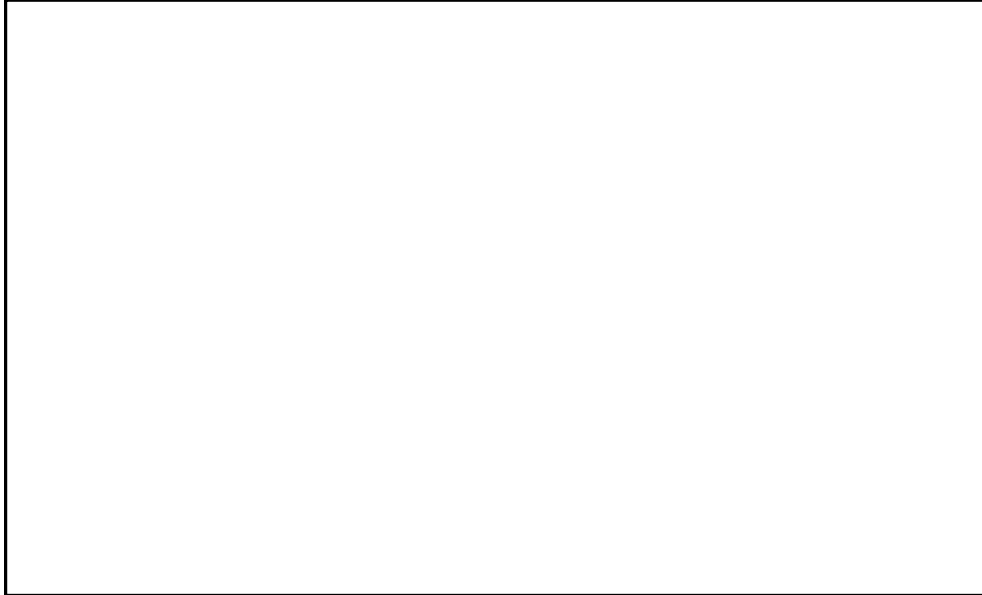
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.

PS - I have accepted the position and responsibility offered to me by John.



Coming up ...

Confirmation at St David's
Sunday 15th October - 10.30
with
Bishop John and Gaylene Harrower
with Parish Luncheon



PARISH BUDGET



What's on this month ... October ...

- Sun 1** 7.00 Parish Council
- Wed 4** 10.00 **Guest Speakers at the Healing Service and the luncheon to follow are CMS missionaries from Egypt - Lauren and Isobel Dale**
- Sat 7** 10.00 **St David's Parish Fair**
- Mon 9** 2.30 Cadorna House - Holy Communion
- Wed 11** 1.30 St David's Guild
- 2.00 Ross at Diocesan Ministry Council - Hobart
- Thurs 12** 10am Parents and Toddlers at St David's Hall
- 8.00 SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrences
- Wed 18** 2.00 St Oswald's Guild
- 10.00 Ross at Senoir Staff meeting - Hobart
- Thur 26** 1.45 Holy Communion at Tamar Park
- Fri 27 - Sat 28** **Synod at Inveresk Tram Sheds**



