

SERVICE TIMES FOR FEBRUARY

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"

- 11TH FEBRUARY AT 9.00
 10.00 - 10.30 - morning tea

SALT

Sharing
 And
 Learning
 Together

Theme for : February

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Every Monday – Would you like to have a chat with Ross?

Every Monday between 3.00 and 5.00, Ross is available at the Parish Office (St David's Riverside) for parishioners to come and have a chat with him. For appointments, ring the office on 6327 4742 or the Rectory on 6331 5845

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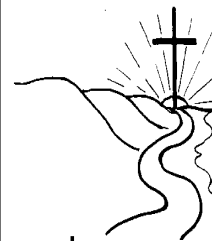
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Jesus
 is the way
 the Truth
 and
 the Life

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Heart to Heart....

A moment of history in the Diocese

On Sunday 17th December, our parish made a decision to officially adopt *Collaborative Ministry* as the basis of its ministry and mission. It came about as a result of a vote that was taken on that Sunday following seven weeks of teaching on the biblical nature of mission and ministry. The voting was 90% in favour with the other 10% unconvinced that this was the way we should go.

Collaborative Ministry is a form of ministry and mission that is based on the discovery and exercising of the gifts (spiritual and natural) of all members of our congregations. The role of the Rector will be primarily to oversee the training and equipping of the members of the congregations for mission and ministry.

Basically not a great deal will change in our parish, because this has been the way the parish has been developing over the past thirteen years. However, such a decision will help us to be more focused in our planning.

Six other parishes have adopted this as the basis for their ministry, but what is significant (and historical) for us, is that we are the first financially viable parish to adopt this form of ministry. All the other parishes are not able to afford a Rector.

So what happens next?

Can you say what spiritual gift(s) God has placed into your life? Can you say what area of ministry that you believe God has called you to participate in?

This will be the next stage of development in the parish – the identification and matching of the gifts with what we believe (through prayer and fasting) are the ministries that God is calling us to engage in.

In doing so, we need to be keep in mind the following principles

outlined by Roland Allen:

1. Every congregation has within its own membership sufficient gifts to carry out its mission in tire world. (Note that sufficient does not mean all)
2. Every Christian Community should have handed over to it the Bible, the Creed, the Ministry and the Sacraments.
3. The Community is responsible for recognising the spiritual gifts and the needs of its members, and for calling forth those ministries.
4. The Christian community will share its message and its life with the neighbouring communities not yet evangelised.
5. The Holy Spirit, working on the human endowments of the community leaders, is sufficient for its life. Don't train them too much. Don't import them from outside.
6. The Christian community
7. The bishop and his staff are crucial in this process
- 8 Any Christian community that can't do these things is not a church; it's a mission field.

In 1912, Roland Allen, and Anglican missionary in China, wrote a book that questioned the way in which the church was carrying out its mission. In his book ***Missionary Methods - St Paul's or Ours?*** he set out the basic principle of local collaborative ministry.

So the year 2001 looks as if it is going to be adventurous, interesting and very exciting!

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT THIS YEAR?

I am going to recommend that the parish users the study ***From Fear to Love*** by Henri Nouwen. In this booklet, are Lenten Reflections on the parable of the prodigal son.

Nouwen was one of the great spiritual writers about time, having a deep appreciation for the inspired Word of God in scripture. At a crucial point in his own spiritual development, he said he discovered in the parable of the prodigal son, "*the whole gospel*".

So why not join a Lenten to study group this year and discover more of the grace and love of our God revealed in Jesus Christ?

Price: \$4.00 each – ***a real bargain!***

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 11th February

St David's

9.00 "Harvest Communion"

10.30 am **Sharing And Learning Together** and Baptism

St Oswald's

7.00 – "Harvest Thanksgiving" plus "harvest supper"

Thursday 8th February

~ **Parents and Toddlers** ~

11.00am at Tailrace Park

to commence the new year with a BBQ (byo)

Everyone – and we mean *everyone* – is welcome!

PARISH BUDGET

AN EVENING OF CELTIC MUSIC ...

THE VISIT OF JOHN BELL ...

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ...

THE PARISH OFFICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE ...

During January, the Parish Office was relocated from the Rectory to the room underneath St David's church. From Ross' perspective, this is a much appreciated move, as it gives him more space with improved facilities.

The next development in the parish is the formation of the Parish Resource Centre that will also be located in the Parish Office. At present Julianne Orr is working hard cataloguing books and resources.

DOES ANYBODY WANT TO HAVE A CHAT WITH ROSS?

On Mondays, between the hours of 3 and 5, if anyone would like to pop into the office and had a chat with Ross you are most welcome. Occasionally on a Monday, Ross sometimes has meetings to deal with, and therefore it would be advisable to make a phone call to make sure he is there.

Parish Office phone number 6327 4742

What's on this month

- Thurs 8 11.00** Parents and Toddlers picnic at the Tailrace Park
- Sun 11 – Thur 15 – TREND Conference** at Blackman's Bay
- a conference on Collaborative Ministry.
Contact Ross if you want more information.
- Mon 12 2.30** Cadorna House - Holy Communion
- Wed 14 1.30** St David's Guild
- Thurs 15 8.00** SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrence's home
- Sun 18 7.00** Parish Council – St Oswald's
- Tues 20** Service at Maranatha – Legana
- Wed 21 2.30** St Oswald's Guild
- Thur 22 1.45** Holy Communion at Tamar Park

**March 24th – 10.00
Parish Fair at St Oswald's**

Wednesday 28th – Ash Wednesday

The early morning Lenten devotions commence at St Oswald's at 730. These are held every morning from Monday to Friday during Lent. This is a great way to start the day!

