

SERVICE TIMES FOR THE PARISH

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

St. David's

Every Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion

On the second Sunday in month at St David's:

9.00 Holy Communion

10.30 SALT ...

SALT = SHARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

**This is a specially designed time
for younger (and older) people with
bright contemporary music, drama, coffee etc**

St. Oswald's

Every Sunday

11.00 Holy Communion

except the second Sunday of the month:

11.00 Morning Prayer (short form)

Every Wednesday

10.00 A Healing Service with Holy Communion

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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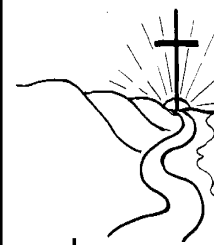
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is the way
the Truth
and
the Life

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Heart to Heart....

Right Structures

for

Effective Mission and Ministry

Last month, I wrote a little about the decision that the parish made last December to become a "Collaborative Ministry Parish", or as it is sometimes called a "Total Ministry Parish". The decision will mean that we will need to gradually adjust our forms of leadership and ministry.

However I would place before all of us (including myself) a timely warning that I read late last year. The author believes that there is a reforming work that God is doing in the Church throughout the world, what he call a "Reformation of the Heart".

"Dear Friends,

I want to continue with the theme of the "Reformation of the Heart" as I have throughout the year. It is now time for us to work together on the vital issue of the coming structures for renewal. This matter invariably comes up when people ask me questions like: "What do you see in the Church today?", or "Where is the new life springing up?", or "Where will such renewal or reformation come from?"

This issue has a genuine urgency about it because frankly we are witnessing the old structures and the

old ways of social cohesion crumbling about us. It is, however, a difficult issue to answer because at present we are in an "in-between" time: clearly the old ways of doing church are passing but the new structures have not yet fully emerged. It will be some time – perhaps two or three decades – before they become clear.

My criterion for evaluating these structures is to always ask,

‘Are these places where it is possible for the very core of the human personality to be genuinely and increasingly transformed into the nature of Jesus Christ?’ I'm looking for those structures where transformation into Christlikeness is no mere accident; rather it is placed **intentionally** at their very centre.”

Richard J. Foster

As we engage with restructuring here in our parish (and also in the Diocese) may we continually ask ourselves that same question!

At what stage are we at in developing Total / Collaborative Ministry?

The wardens and the Rector were appointed at the February Parish Council Meeting to be the Steering Group to oversee the development. They meet on Tuesday 8th of March to discuss how we will develop the gift discovery and implementation process in the parish.

Alister Palmer, the Diocesan Ministry Development Officer has offered us this advice:

- *Some further work will be undertaken clarifying the vision, mission, values and ministry philosophy of the church,*
- *The gift discovery approach helps people understand their calling to be a minister in everyday life and in the life of the church.*
Most Total Ministry parishes make use of a visual display of the members of their congregation(s) placing photos and names of every member from youngest to oldest on a Ministry Tree. As people's gifts are identified and affirmed they are placed on the tree.

Keep praying ... the journey continues!

Ross



PARISH BUDGET

What's on this month

- Thurs 8** 10am Parents and Toddlers at St David's
- 7.30** Warden's Meeting
- Sun 18** **7.00** Parish Council – St Oswald's
- Wed 14 1.30 St David's Guild
- Thurs 15 8.00 SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrence's home
- Sat 17** **10.00** **Safe Ministry with Children seminar**
- Mon 18** 2.30 Cadorna House - Holy Communion
- Wed 21 2.30 St Oswald's Guild
- Sat 24** **10.00** **Parish Fair at St Oswald's**
- Mon 26 7.30 Worship Leaders' Meeting at St Oswald's Hall

COMMUNION AT THE HOMES FOR THE AGED

- Mon 12** **2.30** Holy Communion at Cadorna House
Maranatha – Legana
- Thur 29** **1.45** Holy Communion at Tamar Park

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

SATURDAY 17th March

10.00am at St David's Hall

Seminar leaders:

Maree Reedman and Rebecca Jordan

This seminar is *mandatory for everyone* who has *any* involvement with children in *any* form of ministry or activity with children within the parish – even if it is only to transport them in a car.

