

## 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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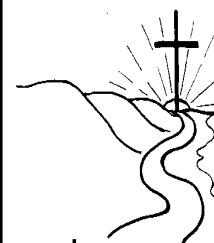
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*Heart to Heart....*

## John Bell's Dog

### JUST WHAT IS "SPIRITUALITY?"

John Bell (from the Iona Community in Glasgow), tells an interesting story about a dog that lived within his community.

At a certain time of the day, the dog would always turn up and sit looking at him or his associate. It was time for food - and he would get it. Bell says that the dog was exercising *faith*. But **faith is not spirituality**.

Sometimes people would ask about the dog's breed, its parentage. He said, that like Jesus, they knew who the mother was, but were uncertain about the father. This is like *theology*. Wanting to know about God, what he is like, his origin etc. Yet **theology is not spirituality**.

Sometimes his friend would take the dog for a walk, and it would always chase cats - his friend did not like cats. Yet whenever John took the dog for a walk, it always behaved itself. Behaviour is like *discipleship*. **Discipleship**, like faith and theology **is not spirituality**.

And there were times when the dog would come and sit alongside John or his associate, and just nuzzle up close for no reason other than it wanted companionship, to be close. This is like *spirituality*. Just wanting to be close to God - relational. *'Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*

So we have:

- ◆ **Faith** - belief,
- ◆ **Theology** - understanding,
- ◆ **Discipleship** - behaviour,
- ◆ **Spirituality** - relationship, companionship. *cont ...*

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**Spirituality.**

It is this that will primarily determine what sort of person, what kind of church, we will be.

It is spirituality, our closeness to God - or lack of it - that will reveal (or not reveal) the heart of God. It is spirituality that is the primary means by which God re-forms the heart.

Unless we draw near to God, and see his concern for the broken, the poor, the rejected, we are unlikely to have a godly concern for the rejects, the broken of this world - we will not know of God's compassionate heart - we will not have a compassionate heart.

When it comes to ministry or mission - until my heart is changed - I will either:

- 1 Not have the "heart" for it and therefore not engage in it;
- 2 Will do it, but it will be "law" and not "grace" that motivates me. Unless we understand the importance of spirituality and see how essential it is for "grace ministry", we will experience great difficulty.

Reformation of the heart - spirituality.

**The church (the Christian) that will survive will be a relational church / Christian.**

- In an ever deepening relationship with God
- Deepening my relationship with members of God's family
- Relating to the world - that God loved so much that he sent his only Son, so that all who would believe, would not die but have life without end.

Ross

#### African and Indian Missions

Are you able to support the Women's Guilds and the African and Indian Missions? If so there is a list of acceptable gift items for donation in the entrances at St Oswald's and St David's. **PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT**

#### **THANK YOU , THANK YOU**

*Thank you to the many people who gave me so much support during my recent mishap. Thank you to the members of home groups and the congregations of St Oswalds and St Davids for prayers, messages and offers of assistance. Through God's good grace I am now well on the way to recovery.*

Margaret Laver

## **Church service times for the Easter Season ...**

### **Palm Sunday**

#### **St David's**

- 9.00 Holy Communion
- 10.00 Morning Tea
- 10.30 SALT – Sharing And Leaning Together

**A special service with Gayelene Harower and two of her donkeys – remember what happened on the first Palm Sunday?**

- Noon – BBQ lunch, donkey rides for children

### **Maundy Thursday**

(the Thursday before Good Friday)

#### **St David's – 6.30**

- After a Pot Luck Supper, a special service to remind us of the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples.

### **Good Friday**

#### **St David's – 10.00 – 12.00 noon**

- A Prayer vigil and short Good Friday liturgy every half hour.

#### **St Oswald's – 7.00pm**

*“The Nails of the Cross”*

- a special candlelit service to help us remember the depth of love that Jesus has for us.

### **Easter Day**

#### **St David's**

- 9.00 Easter Communion

#### **St Oswald's**

- 10.00 Easter Communion

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Nonilo Sanchez from the Philippines (both services)

**SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN SEMINAR**

Held at St David's Church Hall on Saturday 17th March. Conveners were Rebecca Jordan and Maree Reedman. The attendance of 18 people was disappointing although the participation by those attending provided enlightening information on Sexual Abuse. A video was the basis for discussion and information.

Families with young children need to attend a seminar on Sexual Abuse to understand the dangers of communication with children in a safe manner.

The seminar is held annually by the Anglican Church and people of all ages who have contact with children should attend. More information may be obtained from the convenors.

***City Mission Launceston***

City Mission Launceston sends its sincere thanks to both St David's and St Oswald's Parishes for their generosity in continuing to encourage City Mission with its work, by donations and support.

**THANK YOU ALL**

***POSITIONS VACANT***

- 1: CHURCH FLOWER ROSTER – ST OSWALDS
- 2: CHURCH CLEANERS – ST OSWALDS

VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS

WORK SATISFACTION

WORK APPRECIATION by a LARGE CONGREGATION

APPLY TO Robin McKendrick

**HOME GROUPS**

- Tues 10am** Marie Igglesdon's group - 6327 3993
- 7.30pm** Gregory's home group. - 6331 9723
- Bullard's Home Group - 6331 8968
- Wed 7.30pm** The home group meets at the Jordan's home. - 6327 2968

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

***What's on this month ... April ...***

- Mon 9** 2.30 Cadorna House – Holy Communion
- Thurs 11** 10am Parents and Toddlers – St David's Hall
- Tues 17** Maranatha Home for the Aged
- Wed 18** 2.00 St Oswald's Guild
- 8.00 SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrence's home
- Sun 22** 7.00 Parish Council – St David's
- Thur 26** 1.45 Holy Communion at Tamar Park

**Prayer matters:**

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED**

- Chris Igglesden** Jan Menzie Margot Sutton
- Luke Bennett
- Audrey Campbell** Mary Roberts Ivy Henri **Les**
- Munro**
- Nancy Roper Margaret Thow Richard Menzie Don and Joy Wilson
- Margaret Lees Hazel Holt Noel & Connie Curtis Betty Stevenson
- Barbara Minahan Karen Ryan Warwick Letchford
- Judy McGhie
- Stuart Bowtell (cancer – 20's – UK) Oliver Gregory - Ross' father

- Gwen Flint Margaret Laver Roger Brown (Maree Reedman's uncle)
- Ryan Patterson (Melb – 3 y.o. with brain tumour)
- Bonnie Beveridge (Jenny Pedley's mother)

**HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY and HOSPITALS**

St Lukes

**MINISTRY AREAS**

Pastoral Care and Visiting Team

**PARISHES**

Evandale/Nile; without a full time Rector

**MISSIONS and MISSIONARIES**

Alf and Nola Chipman + family (Kenya)

**TASMANIA - Drought Relief**

## THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE ...

Each year staff at Macquarie University in Sydney puts together list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of the New Years incoming students. Here is this year's list:

The people who am starting university next year across the nation were born in 1982. They have no meaningful recollection of the Whitlam Era and probably did not know he had ever been sacked. They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged. Black Monday, 1987 is as significant to them as the Great Depression. There has been only one Pope. They were 11 when the Soviet Union broke apart and do not remember the Cold War. They have never feared a nuclear war. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up. Tianamen Square means nothing to them. Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic. Atari predates them, as do vinyl albums. The expression *you sound like a broken record* means nothing to them. They have never owned a record player. They have likely never played Pac Man. They may have never heard of an 8 track. The Compact Disc was introduced when they were 1 year old. As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 45 cents. They have always had an answering machine. Most have never seen a TV set with only 4 channels, nor have they seen a black-and-white TV. They have always had cable. There have always been VCRs, but they have no idea what BETA is. They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

They were born the year that Walkmans were introduced by Sony. Roller-skating has always meant inline for them. Brian Henderson has always read the channel nine news. They have no idea when or why flares were cool. Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave. They have never seen Ian or Greg Chappell play. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws. The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as WWI, WWII and the Boer War. They have no idea that Americans were ever held hostage in Iran. They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from. They never heard: Boss, de plane, de plane. They do not cam who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. is. The Titanic was found? They thought we always knew where it was. Michael Jackson has always been white. Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America, and Alabama are places, not groups. McDonalds never came in Styrofoam containers. There has always been MTV. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Do you feel old yet?

Other research reveals that the majority of young people are suspicious of people who wear collar and tie. Suits and uniforms represent authority figures and corporations. Neither can be trusted.

What does this say about the church and church leaders?

## ST DAVID'S GUILD

Since our February Guild meeting we have had some wonderful events. Firstly the Mad Hatters Lunch reported in March Echo – this raised \$346 as well as providing a fund day. Next came the wonderful gathering at the Silverdome which was I'm sure a joy to all of us who attended. Then on 27 February the Guild Conference was held at Deloraine and was attend by three members from St David's and two from St Oswald's . The Rev. Alan Bulmer conducted the church service, the theme being 'Becoming Fools for Christ'. The Deloraine ladies provided the usual great country food and the guest speaker, M. Habib, from the Seamen's Missions was most interesting.

On 2 March we participated in the World Day of Prayer held at St Frances Church. The theme coming from Samoan women. This service was entitled "Informal Prayer and Prayerful Action" and was attended by parishioners from St Frances and our Parish – also by Revs Ross and Peter. (See article below).

One of our ladies prepared a floral arrangement for the Holy Trinity Floral Festival in which we annually participate.

Now with home groups and choir recommenced, it has been a busy and rewarding month. The Guild has also provided new curtains for the Parish Centre. This years Diocesan Guild Project is to be "Money for freight of goods to overseas". This is very expensive and help is needed. It would be great if the Parish could have a really good response to this and also to the provision of goods (mentioned elsewhere in The Echo). At our March meeting it was decided to donate \$50 to C.B.M.I. and \$1,000 to Parish Council. It was noted that Ivy Henri had celebrated her 89th Birthday and flowers were taken to her. We had a lovely time of fellowship contributed by Judy McGhie, Noelene Walker, Joan Jackson and Laurice Whiddon.

Jan Menzie

### URGENT

Please return BCA Boxes to Marjory Honey and Leprosy Phials to Joan Wilkins as soon as possible

### *Samoan touch to World Day of Prayer*

The Trevallyn-Riverside World Day of Prayer Ecumenical service was held at St Francis Catholic Church at Riverside earlier this month.

Parishioners and pastors from St David's and St Oswald's Anglican parishes and St Francis Catholic parish gathered for the service. The service was composed by Samoan women and included a traditional kava welcoming ceremony with Tasmanian apple juice being used as a symbol of kava.

Keta Down and Jenny Taylor attended the service in traditional costume.

Children from Riverside High School, Trevallyn Primary School, Riverside Primary School, Launceston Christian School and St Anthony's Primary School attended. St Anthony's school captains Lauren Peters and Ryan James took part in reading the prayers of intercession.

Maureen Delaney was the guest speaker.