

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

Sundays:

11.00 Holy Communion

except the second Sunday of the month: all services are at St David's

Every Wednesday:

10.00 A Healing Service with Holy Communion

SALT – this month:

Mothers' Day Special!!

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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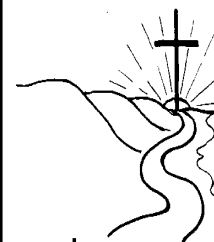
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Jesus
is the way
the Truth
and
the Life

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& St David's Churches. May 2001

Heart to Heart....

Are "good" people Christians?

Why is it that so many people who don't attend church services or who have no relationship / contact with the church, consider themselves to be Christian?

And why is it that there is an increasing number of people who consider that all religions, all roads, lead to God?

I'm sure there are many valid answers to this, however I would propose the following thought for your consideration.

I believe that for the majority of people – Christians too – who consider the Christian faith, along with all other religions, to be a set of rules and regulations to comply with. We have the Ten Commandments – "Do this, don't do that!"

It's a bit like obeying the laws of the land. You "stop" at a red light, you "go" when its green, don't steal, don't murder – keep the law – be a good boy, be a good girl.

There are many people would say that this is their approach to life, therefore "I'm a Christian"

Is this valid? That is, are "good" people Christians?

Some "good" people are Christians. But there would be many "good" people who would be very offended to be branded as a Christian just because they were "good".

So how do we respond to the dilemma?

Perhaps we need to consider this proposal.

Somehow we need to help people see that to be a Christian is more than being a "good person". That being a Christian is relational. It's about being

- ⊙ in "relationship" with God.
- ⊙ In relationship with fellow Christians *continued ...*
- ⊙ In relationship to the world – our mission field.

We need to help people to discover these relationships, and especially our relationship with the Father, how we actually establish this relationship with God, how it is nurtured so that within this relationship people learn how to hear God for themselves, that He is alive, that he knows "me", and as the old hymn says, "He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way".

Dr Martin Robinson, a leading Christian in the U.K. has rightly said:

"The greatest need and challenge to the Church today, is to help people hear God for themselves!"

Once people discover that this is the sort of God we believe in and have a relationship with, then perhaps the old notion of "Because I'm a 'good' person, therefore I'm a Christian" may be laid to rest.

By the way, when did you last hear God for yourself?

I would like to know so that we can commence putting a course of action in place in our parish to help people enter into an ever deepening relationship with God.

God is speaking to everyone, everywhere all of the time.

Our problem is that we have not been trained how to listen and discern the multitude of ways in which He speaks.

Ross

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

What's on this month ...

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| Mon 7 | 7.30 | Listening for Mission seminar at St David's |
| Thurs 10 | 10am | Parents and Toddlers – St David's Hall |
| | 7.30 | Wardens and Rector at Maree Reedmans' home |
| Mon 14 | 2.30 | Cadorna House - Holy Communion |
| Sun 20 | 7.00 | Parish Council – St David's |
| Thurs 17 | 8.00 | SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrence's home |
| SYNOD COMMENCES IN LAUNCESTON: | | |
| | 8.00pm | Thursday (at St John's) and Fri – Sat. 19th at the Tramsheds |
| Sun 27 | | National Church life Survey – forms to be filled in at church |
| | 4.00 | Planning for the next Financial Year at St Oswald's all aspects of church life (+ BYO tea) |
| Mon 28 | 7.30 | Worship Leader's Meeting at St Oswald's |
| Thur 31 | 1.45 | Holy Communion at Tamar Park |

*****PARISH FAIR *****

A Big Thank You to everyone who shared the day of the Parish Fair at St Oswald's on 24 March 2001 and helped to make it such a success

We received so much support both on preceding days and on THE DAY.

Like Bishop John at the Diocesan Gathering (see his remarks in The Anglican) we expected little and received so much. A lesson in having faith.

And what a sunny day, the rain held off till we all got home

Thank You God

O.M.S. International

\$40.00 sent for December - January

\$40 sent for February – March

For Rosemary and Darren Lawson as they prepare to return to Russia.

Thanks to all those who continually support this mission.

HOME GROUPS

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|-------------|---------------|--|
| 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 Planning Night for the next Financial Year

Sunday 27th May
4.00 pm at St David's

(Bring tea to share)

PARISH ROLLS

All Rolls are void as from April 1st. New Rolls are available in both St David's and St Oswald's awaiting your signature.

"LISTENING FOR MISSION"
with Alister Palmer at St David's

Monday 7th May at 6.45 pm

All members of Parish Council and Ministry Area leaders are encouraged to attend (e.g. Home Group Leaders)

Christian Dance Fellowship

Meet every Thursday
7 pm – 9 pm

Contact Kay Bennett Ph: 63 340050

An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

Anonymous

Prayer matters:

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Luke Bennett	Bonnie Beveridge (Jenny Pedley's mother)
Roger Brown (Maree Reedman's uncle)	Noel & Connie Curtis
Oliver Gregory - Ross' father	Rheta Hinks
Hazel Holt	Chris Igglesden
Jan Menzie	Judy McGhie
Richard Menzie	Barbara Minahan
Les Munro	Mary Roberts
Nancy Roper	Karen Ryan
Betty Stevenson	Margot Sutton
Margaret Thow	Don and Joy Wilson

HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY and HOSPITALS

Cadorna House; St Vincents

MINISTRY AREAS

The Listening for Mission seminar to be held at St David's – Mon 7th May
Worship Leaders' Meeting – Monday 28th; SYNOD – Thurs 17th – Sat 19th

PARISHES

Dorset – Andrew Osborn; Furneaux Islands – Bob Whitten
George Town – Chris Thiele
Without a full-time rector: Launceston North; St Helens

MISSIONS and MISSIONARIES

City Mission; Anglicare; Salvation Army and others ...

ANGLICAN MISSION TASMANIA TEAM

Alister Palmer, Helen Phillips, Louise Lang, Eleanor O'Donnell, Robyn McWhirter

BAPTISMS

Dane Saunders (22 April) Bentley (29 April) Saya & Alex Jones (May 6)

