

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 to be a means of outreach to younger (and older) people. We incorporate bright contemporary music, drama, coffee etc.

St. Oswald's

Every Sunday

11.00 Holy Communion

except the second Sunday of the month: (We meet at St David's)

Every Wednesday

10.00 A Healing Service with Holy Communion

Parking at St David's:

Please don't park your vehicles in the supermarket car park.
There is room behind the church if space is a problem at the front.

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

In addition to the usual parish activities, 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. Just ring the office on 6327 4742 or the Rectory on 6331 5845

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Jesus
is the way
the Truth
and
the Life

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& St David's Churches. June 2001

Heart to Heart....

HIGH DEPENDENCY



LOW DEPENDENCY

During the past two months, an increasing awareness has come to me that we have a huge *dependency* problem in the Anglican Church. It is a dependency that has developed over hundreds of years, a dependency on *ordained* ministers.

As I have visited parishes, participated in seminars and working with Alister Palmer in the parish of St Helens in the role of Enabler (training leaders and dialoguing with parishioners) this reliance and dependency has becoming very obvious and threatens the future development of the Anglican Church.

When we use titles such as "Rector" which actually means "Ruler", we have moved a long way from what Jesus said – that "*you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.*"

When for centuries the Rector has been *the* high-profile person in the parish, *the* person who leads worship, *the* person who teaches, *the* person who does the ministry, is it any wonder that we struggle when an alternative and a more biblical way of undertaking leadership and ministry is being developed?

For many of the older members in our churches they have had no other models of leadership and ministry.

Another issue that compounds this dependency problem, is when every service is "Holy Communion". When this happens, it is essential that an ordained person is there (dependency), and it offers a very narrow expression of Anglican worship. In addition, if Holy Communion is all we offer in our expressions of worship, we need to recognise that if a non-Christian is in attendance, they are alienated from participating in the high point

of the service - the receiving of the sacraments.

In an attempt to reduce this dependency and the high profile that the ordained person has, we need to understand what the minimum requirements are needed to be undertaken by the person (the Celebrant) who is to lead the celebration of Holy Communion:

- absolution - the declaration of God's forgiveness
- to consecrate the bread and wine
- to give the blessing.

A non-ordained person can undertake all other parts of the service.

Therefore following adjustment is being made in our worship.

Only the Celebrant will robe at the service of Holy Communion. If Peter is the Celebrant, I won't robe and I will sit in the congregation – even if I am rostered to preach. I had hoped to structure the worship roster so that on the day that I am the Celebrant I would not be the preacher. This has proven to be an impossibility due to me being away one Sunday a month in the role of Enabler at St Helens.

I will also ask Parish Council, to direct the parish and the Worship Leaders' Team, to broaden our expression of Anglican worship beyond the narrow confines of Holy Communion. Let's be more creative and less dependent in our worship!

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

What's on this month ... June ...

Mon 11	2.30	Cadorna House - Holy Communion
Thurs 14	10am	Parents and Toddlers – St David's Hall
Thurs 14	8.00	SALT leaders' meeting at the Lawrence's home
Sun 17	7.00	Parish Council – St David's
Tues 19	2.00	Maranatha Home for the Aged
Thur 28	1.45	Holy Communion at Tamar Park

GUILD MEETINGS:

St David's Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday in the month at 1.30
St Oswald's Guild meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.00

ST DAVID'S GUILD NOTES.

Meeting held on Wednesday 9th May.

Our numbers were down owing to sickness and other commitments. Following the meeting we had a guest speaker Marlene Menzie who explained about the Samaritans Purse and their "Operation Christmas Child". This involves filling a shoe box with gifts for needy children at Christmas in neighbouring countries such as Timor & Vietnam. Judy Flint & 6 ladies attended from St Oswald's Next month following the meeting we will have a craft session with Laurice Wid-den & her friend Dorothy.

All welcome at 2.30pm on 13th June.

ST OSWALDS HALL KITCHEN ...

Thanks to the generosity of a good friend, St Oswalds Hall kitchen has recently been revamped, new lino, new laminex on benches . It is now a very pleasant kitchen to work in.

Parish Rolls:

The new Parish Membership Rolls need to be signed, so as to ensure your eligibility to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting in August, nominate people or to be elected to Parish Council or as a Warden. The Rolls are in both churches.

PARISH BUDGET

"This is the healthiest our finances have ever been!" said one of the Parish Council members at the Parish Council meeting in May.

Thank you to all who have made such generous donations.

This year we have kept expenditure on buildings to a minimum, however we will soon be engaging in some very expensive maintenance projects as we enter into the new financial year.

Please continue to give generously, so that Kingdom work can be undertaken too!

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

Bishop John Harrower warns "Change or die"

The Australian Anglican Church will not 'fulfill God's work' unless it is 'prepared to give up many of its treasured forms'.

This stark warning will be given by the Bishop of Tasmania, John Harrower, at the Mission Australia address at Moore College on March 19 at 7 pm.

In a recent letter, address organiser - the Bush Church Aid Society - included extracts from the Bishop's prepared speech.

"People in Australian society in 2000 AD have moved a long way from the Australia of the 1950s, let alone the cultural forms of Tudor England," Bishop Harrower was quoted as saying.

"Too often the Anglican Church has asked, 'In what way can we adjust Anglican ministerial dress, church architecture and book-based wordy liturgies, so that they will be acceptable in Australian culture?'. By holding the meaning in the old forms, we jeopardise the communication of the Gospel message."

Bishop Harrower, who spent 10 years with CMS in South America, said Anglicans were failing to reach today's Australia.

"We must present the Gospel in such a way that it bridges into their world, uses their language, builds on their longings and resonates with something deep within them'. If we do not do this, the message of the Gospel will not be received. We may not, in fact, be sharing God's love," he said.

(Southern Cross – March 2001)

"Times change and so to keep up with them we must modify our methods".

Madeleine Sophie Barat

CONGRATULATIONS to MARJORIE HONEY

Majorie was recently honoured with a very special award. She was presented with the Commonwealth 2000 sports award, two medals and a certificate for her services to sport. This Federation Year award was instituted to commemorate Australian Sports achievements and presented to men and women who have dedicated many years for benefit of others. Well done Marjorie from all parishioners!

QUOTE:

"We cannot possibly flatter the Almighty by hurrying into his presence, flinging a song and a prayer at him, and hurrying out of church back into our hassled lifestyles. God is never flattered by our sanctified exhaustion".

Calvin Miller

Worth thinking about:

A Missionary Church:

Brings people into what exists or takes the church into the world?

Prayer matters:

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Chris Igglesden	Jan Menzie	Margot Sutton	Luke Bennett
Audrey Campbell	Mary Roberts	Nancy Roper	Margaret Thow
Richard Menzie	Don and Joy Wilson		Hazel Holt
Betty Stevenson	Karen Ryan	Judy McGhie	Barbara Minahan
Oliver Gregory - Ross' father		Gwen Flint	Mary Turner
Ryan Patterson (Melb – 3 y.o. with brain tumour)			Gayelene Harrower
Bonnie Beveridge (Jenny Pedley's mother)			Ted Thompson

HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY and HOSPITALS

St Vincents

MINISTRY AREAS

Parish Council and Wardens
Administration Team
Prayer Teams – Riverside and Trevallyn

PARISHES

Launceston North – Roger Hesketh –
as they participate in a Parish Consultation

MISSIONS and MISSIONARIES

City Mission; Anglicare; Salvation Army and others ...
SU – Scripture Union;

TASMANIA

- more rain

MISSION DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIOCESE

Mission Support Officers – Geoff, Kevin, Jed, Neil, Gilbert, Ross + Alister

How Poor are the Poor?

The Editors of *Leadership Magazine* suggested nine rather drastic steps wealthy Westerners would have to take to truly identify with the developing world:

First, take out the furniture: lease a few old blankets, a kitchen table, maybe a wooden chair. You've never had a bed, remember?

Second, throw out all your clothes. Each person in the family may keep the oldest suit or dress, a shirt or blouse. The head of the house has the only pair of shoes.

Third, all kitchen appliances have vanished. Keep a box of matches, a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a handful of onions, a dish of dried beans. Rescue the mouldy potatoes from the garbage can: those are tonight's meal.

Fourth, dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, take out the wiring and the lights and everything that runs by electricity.

Fifth, take away the house and move the family into the tool shed.

Sixth, no more postman, fireman, government services. The two-classroom school is three miles away, but only two of your seven children attend anyway, and they walk.

Seventh, throw out your bankbooks, stock certificates. pension plans, insurance policies. You now have a cash hoard \$5.

Eighth, get out and start cultivating your three acres. Try hard to raise \$300 in cash crops because your landlord wants one-third and your moneylender 10 percent.

Ninth, find some way for your children to bring in a little extra money so you have something to eat most days. But it won't be enough to keep bodies healthy – so lop off 25 to 30 years of life.

Materialism is the worldview of those who keep their eyes focused on "getting ahead" in the world at hand. Christ championed a higher focus.

Jesus encourages us in Matthew 6:33 to treasure the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and the values of the world at hand will be exposed for what they are. Materialism sponsors a lot of bogus values. What God wants us to treasure is inward and spiritual. Only as we get the God's-eye view of things can we escape becoming forever trapped in minor material hungers and surface values.

"Into the Depths of God" – Calvin Miller

NOTICES ...

ST DAVID'S HALL
WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2.30PM

Card making-- come along all welcome.
St Oswalds Guild need articles to complete the boxes we are preparing to send overseas missions. e.g. pencils note books, toiletries, knitted articles, etc.
We will be dispatching these in mid June.
Please help this worthwhile effort.

St Oswalds Guild A G M will be held on 20th June.

St Oswalds Guild will hold a pre-loved clothing sale and trade table in the hall on July 7th Saturday at 10am. Morning Tea available.

"If you see anyone without a smile
give them one of
yours"

"Don't resent growing old
-some people never have the chance".

What a special time of worship!

Worship on Sunday 20th May at St David's was a special time for those who attended the service. It was not the conventional act of worship, yet it was not without a sense of reverence for God and joy.

Ken Ball gave a fascinating account of how he and Lestelle came to be living here in Launceston, as well as how God had guided him though life – and how he had frequently and unsuccessfully tried to "Do it my way".

A special thanks needs to be given to the musicians for the inspiring music and singing. Thanks also needs to be given to the Home Group for their panning and leading of the service.

The Home Group members want to also express their gratitude for the appreciation and words of encouragement given by those who attended.