

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.

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is the way
the Truth
and
the Life

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Heart to Heart....

*"The chickens have
come home to roost"*

My travels beyond the parish boundaries as Mission Support Officer these days are a subject of concern for many in the parish – including my family. Why all this time away? Is it really necessary?

Primarily the reasons behind so much of my absence from the parish is related to visiting parishes that are no longer able to afford a clergyman and other parishes that are heading in the same direction. The Diocese is in a time of great need!

As I have pondered and tried to see the "big picture", I have come to the following conclusion. For decades – if not centuries – we have failed in following the instructions of Jesus. The final instruction that he gave in the Gospel of Matthew was to "go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have taught you".

The Greek language in which the New Testament was originally written, has many more shades of meaning and emphasis than our English language. The text above is such an example. The emphasis is: *go and make disciples* (followers, apprentices). Those who are made disciples are to be baptised and taught. Our track record shows that we have placed the emphasis on *baptising* people and have ignored the command to make disciples.

Now we are paying the price for ignoring the instructions of Jesus. "The chickens have come home to roost!" as the old saying goes. We have sown the wind and now we are reaping the whirlwind!

On Thursday 19th July, my family and I (with a little help from my friends) hosted an afternoon tea where I explained the situation in the Diocese and what demands it places on me and

you – the parish, and giving the opportunity for people to ask questions etc. It was a great day and I believe that we are now better informed. It has been suggested that we have such events on a regular basis, as well as have evening ones where we can gather, fellowship and exchange news. I'm all for that!

Meanwhile, the problems are still with us, and we need to carry a burden for the Diocese – not grudgingly but joyfully. Remember the words of James – the little brother of Jesus who said: *My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.*

The Annual Meeting and the Future – Total Ministry.

We also discussed progress on becoming a Total Ministry Parish, a decision that the parish and Parish Council made at the end of last year.

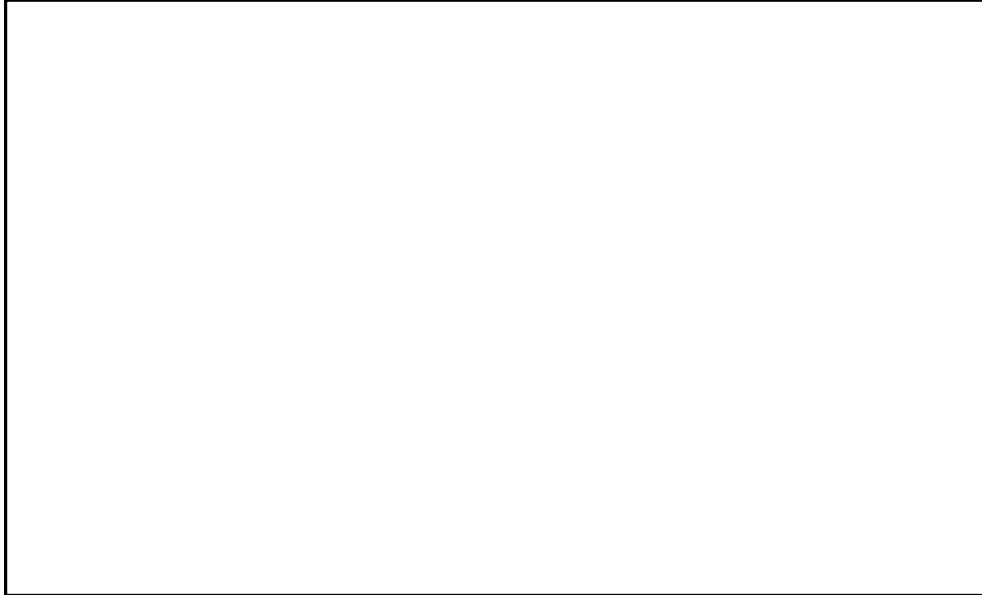
Progress has been slow. This has come about as a result of the unforeseen additional duties that have come my way as MSO. However, I will be placing before our Annual Parish Meeting (APM) a proposal that we press on with an intention that we will appoint the Leadership Ministry Support Team by the end of November. Therefore we will appoint our Wardens and Parish Council as usual at the APM, then the Ministry Leaders will be chosen and appointed later in the year. Parish Council is the governing body of the Parish, the LMST oversees ministry and mission needs and developments. The recommendations are that there be two people who are members of both leadership groups, thus providing a means of communication and mutual understanding. Finally, we need to always remind ourselves:

Who are the ministers in the Parish?

Answer: All those baptised!

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 BUDGET

What's on this month

- Thurs 14** 10am Parents and Toddlers – St David’s Hall
- Sun 10** 7.00 Parish Council – St David’s
- Thurs 14** 8.00 SALT leaders’ meeting at the Lawrence’s home
- Mon 18** 2.30 Cadorna House - Holy Communion
- Thur 21** 1.45 Holy Communion at Tamar Park

Prayer matters:

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

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| Chris Igglesden | Jan Menzie | Margot Sutton | Luke Bennett |
| Audrey Campbell | Mary Roberts | Nancy Roper | Margaret Thow |
| Richard Menzie | Don Wilson | Hazel Holt | Betty Stevenson Ka- |
| ren 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

PARISH MISSION – with the Parishes of St Aidans and Launceston North

Jeff and Ruth Murnane – the missionaries

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

TEN THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE ...

This is the second article under the heading of TEN THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE from the last National Church life Survey.

3. Become an inviting and welcoming congregation

Inviting others to church is an important part of evangelism.

Growing churches have a larger number of attenders who regularly invite others to church.

Growing churches have members who discuss their faith with friends outside the church.

Attenders need to feel comfortable about inviting others to church. Attention has to be paid to how welcoming and newcomer friendly a church is.

4. Leaders exercise an enabling and empowering ministry

Growing churches encourage members to discover and use their gifts and skills.

Clergy and other key leaders work as enablers of the ministry of every member and help release their potential. Growing churches have leaders who inspire members and encourage innovation. Growing churches develop a team or collaborative approach to ministry.