

## 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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& St David's Churches. September 2001

### Heart to Heart....

#### Going Deeper...

Last month I commented that the church is suffering, suffering because we have failed to make disciples – apprentices of Jesus. The eventual result of decades (centuries?!) of not making disciples is a church that is languishing.

What do we do? How do we initiate “the making of disciples”?

#### The making of disciples – apprentices.

**1 WILLINGNESS.** The old saying holds true – “you can lead a horse to water, but it won't necessarily drink” - the horse must desire to drink.

Jesus said “Come and follow me”. Do you, do we want to become an apprentice to Jesus?

**2 IT IS COSTLY!** Be under no illusion, it will be costly! Jesus did not hesitate in declaring the cost of being a follower of his way of life. The way to life is narrow – and few find it. Actually it is few who will enter the narrow way. Many see it but cannot bring themselves to count the cost.

**3 IT IS THE GOOD LIFE** In spite of it being costly, being a disciple of Jesus is the most rewarding, life affirming, incredible life that a person could engage in.

**4 IT IS THE EASY LIFE** In spite of it being costly – take up your cross (daily), it is not hard. Jesus also said: Come to me take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your soul, for my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

Now you are most likely thinking that I am either contradicting myself, or I have lost the plot. Look at the world in which we live – that's where life is hard – b... hard! Lives broken, families falling apart, exploitation, inequality, people following false gods of prosperity, injustice, babies / children being (having to be) sent to child care centres so that parents can have a second income or being able to have just one income ... ! That is the hard life!

## A NEW SOCIETY

One of the primary reasons came living, preaching, teaching – dying, was to create a new society of people – a people who live in and through the presence of the Kingdom of God; a kingdom of God people who experience and express the rule and reign of God in their lives and bring it to bear in the world in which we live.

This is why he called people to be discipled, apprenticed. His desire is that we would be formed into his own likeness.

What could be more challenging and exciting!?

Somehow the church (lit. – *called out ones*) got caught up in *church affairs* rather than being *disciples of Jesus*.

### *Wetting your appetite*

As some of you are aware, I have great respect for Richard Foster. Over many years now, he and a team of people from different denominational backgrounds, have been producing quarterly news letters and other publications to alert us to the plight of the church in regards to what I have been addressing above. If you would like a monthly paper to challenge, inform, encourage and stimulate you in being a disciple of Jesus, have a chat with me.

### *Quiet days / weekends*

Judy and Libby Todd have commenced taking people (females) away for quiet days / weekends for spiritual + emotional and physical refreshment. We hope this will be a regular part of our parish life in the future too. See them if you would like to find out more. Again, this is all part of the journey as a disciple of Jesus.

### **Let us press on to the goal that lies ahead of us ...**

*Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you.*

Philippians 3.12-15

*Ross K. Frost*

## HOME GROUPS

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



**PARISH BUDGET**

**THE NEW WARDENS AND PARISH COUNCIL**

**WARDENS**

*Appointment by Rector:*  
Maree Reedman

*Nominated by Parishioners:*  
David Sutton  
Ross Gregory

**PARISH COUNCIL**

*Nominated by Parishioners:*  
Stewart Harley  
Dick Janes  
Rebecca Jordan  
Robin McKendrick  
Ken Pedley

Marie Igglesden  
Stephen Janes  
Norman Lawrence  
Jan Menzie

**Prayer matters:**

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED**

**TASMANIA - Drought Relief**

## TEN THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE ...

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

### 5. Look after the young

Congregations that are growing tend to have lower age profiles. They tend to be made up of young adults and families with children.

Like attract like. It is important to mobilise younger members to attract other young members.

People are more likely to become involved in church when they have children. Quality care for families and children is a priority.

Build a sustainable children's ministry. This depends more on the qualities of the workers than on programmes. Grow a sense of belonging for children.

Reorganise the church for children - create a child friendly space - inviting and interesting.

### 6. Introduce contemporary worship

The younger generation generally prefer contemporary styles of worship more helpful than traditional services. Use contemporary music and language that is easily understood.

Listen to the needs, hopes, fears of the younger generation and encourage them to express their faith in ways that resonate with their lives and cultures.

Involve young people in the planning of ways of being church that are right for them. Encourage older members to accept change for the sake of their grandchildren. Encourage indigenous leadership and indigenous styles of worship.

*Example:* some congregations have developed a cafe style of service held in the church hall rather than the usual sacred space, The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly - conversational - people get their coffee when they wish. Table groups are used for any discussion.

Introduce changes to worship:

- (1) Add new options may be better than changing existing services
- (2) New approaches don't have to be done weekly
- (3) Take into account the different lifestyles among young adults - early service hours don't suit most young families
- (4) Think beyond Sundays for services