

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

Fourth Sunday in month

7.00 pm Even-Tide Worship

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.

~THE ECHO~

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Jesus
is the way
the Truth
and
the Life

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Heart to Heart....

“The old law about
'an eye for an eye'
leaves everyone blind”.

Martin Luther King Jnr

Yet another human disaster has struck the world – this time in an appalling dimension!

Once again, as in the Port Arthur Disaster and the Columbine High School Massacre, people are saying “There has got to be a better way of living than this!”

Once again God's people have the opportunity to show the better way ... but will they ... can they?

So those who hear me and do what I say are like those intelligent people who build their homes on solid rock, where rains and floods and winds cannot shake them.

Matt 7.24-25

Train them to do everything I have told you.

Matt 28.20

These words from Jesus show that it must be possible to hear and do what he said. It must be possible to train his apprentices in such a way that they routinely do everything that was best.

How can we give ourselves to live in such a way that the love of Christ is conveyed to a broken, confused and hurting world through those who bear the name Christian – Christ's ones?

Is such a commitment to follow Jesus in obedience and trust, just for a few committed fanatics? Will we not become Christians zealots not dissimilar to the Taleeban?

By no means! In fact the opposite. Love is the order of the day, not violence!

There is an urgent need for Christians (and the world) to learn how to do what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount – how to turn the other cheek; to go the extra mile; that we are forgiven to the degree that we forgive those who sin against us; to love our enemies; to bless those who curse us.

Consider this:

- ⊙ The world spends more on arms than on anything else.
- ⊙ six times as much public money goes for research on weapons as for research on health.
- ⊙ The Third World spends 66% more on the military than on education.
- ⊙ More than half the world's scientists and engineers are working for the military.

What could happen if the leaders of the Western Democracies made a commitment to developing health, welfare and social justice programs for the poor, the displaced, the rejected, the dispossessed of home and land, instead of spending money on weapons for warfare and destruction?

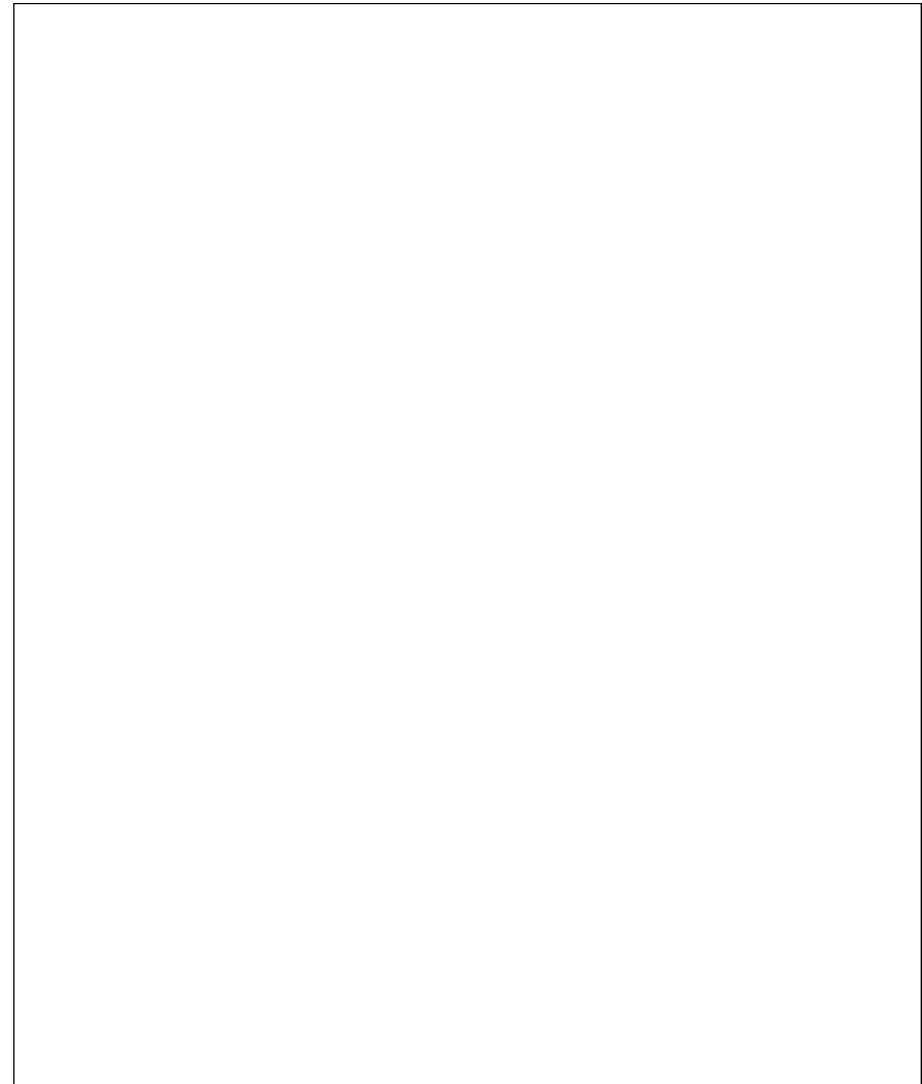
*The noble art of losing face
may one day save the human race
and turn into eternal merit
what weaker minds would call disgrace.*

We need to consider why the Muslim world – especially the “hard-liners” - see us in the West as they do – an embodiment of evil, promiscuity, exploitation and oppression.

The time has come again for someone as in Isaiah 6. But not just someone, but a people, the Lord's people displaying the community of shalom – peace!

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'
I answered, 'Here I am, send me'.*

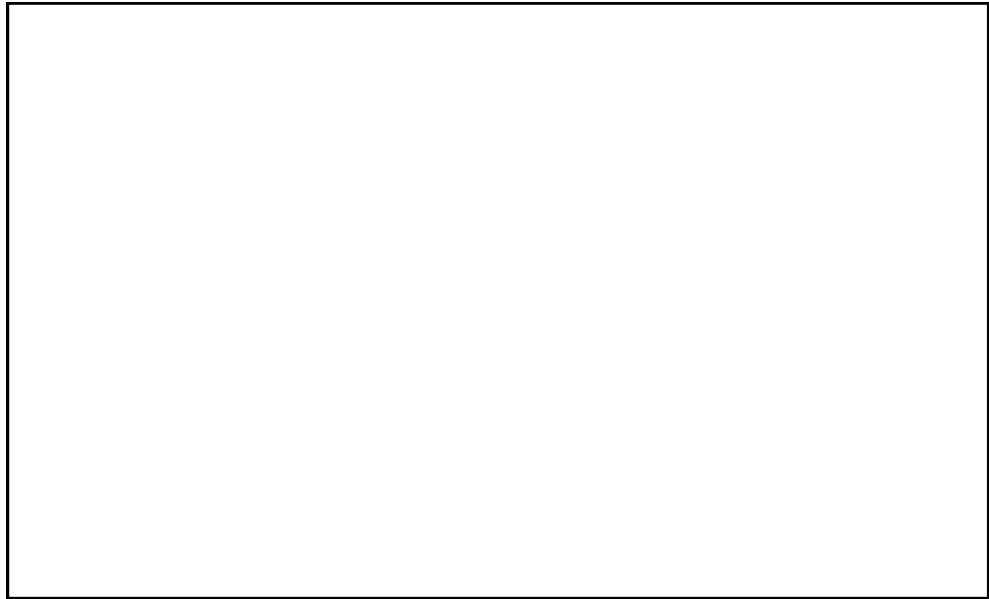
Does anyone want to join me in a great adventure of truly living beyond superficiality? Let me know, let us journey together.



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

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PARISH BUDGET



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Prayer matters:
THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

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TEN THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE ...

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

7. Build a sense of community

Churches grow when people feel a strong and growing sense of belonging to their congregation.

Churches grow when there is opportunity to discuss significant issues of everyday life in the life of the congregation

Growing churches usually have higher levels of involvement in small groups.

Growing congregations have lower levels of internal conflict and higher levels of trust

8. Encourage growth in faith

Growing churches have a higher percentage of members who feel their faith has grown through involvement in the congregation and who are active in prayer and devotions.

Those whose faith is alive and real are more likely to feel comfortable inviting others or participating in outreach to the wider community.

In congregations that are growing members seem to have a greater understanding of their faith and confidence in the gospel.