

Harvest 2002

SUNDAY 17th MARCH

The Gifts of God Expressed through the People of God

Not only do we want you to bring produce from the garden, but we would love to see displays or expressions of creativity; eg. Poems, art work, craft, handiwork etc. We want to offer thanks to God for the creativity that he has given to us. Places for displaying your gifts will be available in both St David's and St Oswald's.

Time for Services and events for Easter

Palm Sunday – 23rd March

St David's 9.00 Church Family Worship (HC)
 10.30 SALT (Sharing And Learning Together)
St Oswald's 11.00 Holy Communion

Tuesday – 26th – 11.00

Renewing of Commitment to Ministry and Mission Service at Longford with Bishop John – all invited. Please inform the Parish Office if you intend to stay for lunch - \$5 per head.

Maundy Thursday – 7.30

St David's *Foot-washing Service* and supper.

Good Friday

St David's – 10.00 – Noon *Good Friday Devotions and Prayers* led by Maree Reedman
St Oswald's – 7.00 Special Good Friday Service

Easter Day

St David's – 9.00 Easter Communion Service
St Oswald's – 10.00 Easter Communion Service

ROSS' ROSTER FOR MARCH

Fri	1	World Day of Prayer St David's – 10.00
Thur	7	Cheese and Wine Evening at St David's (7.30)
Wed	13	Meeting with Reps from Anglicare & Mothers of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) at 1.00 St David's to consider how they may assist us in developing ministry to young families and children.
Wed	20	Diocesan Ministry Council (Hobart)
Mon	25	Worship Leaders at St Oswald's – 7.30

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Three people give assistance with office work:

- Janet Sands from Legana who is in the office on Monday mornings
- Barbara Minahan (times still being negotiated)
- Anne Peck (usually undertakes office assistance from home.)

THE ECHO

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Closure dates for articles for THE ECHO:

March	21	August	15
April	17	Sept	19
May	16	Oct	17
June	20	Nov	14
July	18	Dec	12

Heart to Heart....

Finding a Rhythm of Life ...

What an incredible month February turned out to be; attending four services for the commissioning of parishes, leadership teams and the ordination of people for the sacramental part of the churches ministry. Then there were three weddings, a training seminar, a meeting of the clergy from Launceston and church wardens with the Bishop and Alister Palmer. To cap the month off I was involved in a two day (working) Retreat with Bishop John. As you can imagine it all involved considerable travelling.

Life can be demanding at times, and there are times when you feel that we are not in control - that events and circumstances are what drive and determine our life - I'm sure that many of you can identify with that.

In the midst of such demands upon one's life, we need to make a stand and place some markers - boundaries if you like - to bring and maintain order in life; otherwise we end up in chaos.

So how do we bring order into our life to avoid Chaos? Again I would draw your attention back to the passage of Scripture from Jeremiah:

This is what the LORD says:

*"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.*

The ancients developed a "rhythm of life", a life style punctuated with specific times within the day to draw aside from the demands of life and focus upon God. We see in the life and ministry of Jesus times when he deliberately withdrew from people to be with his Father.

He inaugurated His ministry by spending forty days alone in the desert (Mt. 4: 1-1 1). Before He chose the twelve He spent the entire night alone in the desert hills (Lk. 6:12). After the miraculous feeding of the five thousand Jesus made His disciples leave; then He dismissed the crowd and "went up into the hills by himself . . ." (Mt. 14:23). Following a long night of work "in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place . . ." (Mk. 1:35). When the twelve had returned from a preaching and healing mission, Jesus instructed them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place . . ." (Mk. 6:31).

Activity and solitude are essential qualities that we need to build into our lives.

Holy Island off the east coast of England is an island that is separated from the

mainland when the tide is in, and connected by a causeway when the tide is out. Here is a prayer from there that echoes this separateness and connectedness caused by the rhythm of the tides:

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.
As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore
make me an island, set apart alone with you, God, holy to you.

Then with the turning of the tide
prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond,
the world that rushes in on me till the waters come again
and fold me back to you.

I pray that together we will build a rhythm of life that will enable us to grow strong in Christ.

Ross K. Flint

PARENTS AND TODDLERS - MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Parents are invited to join with us, and representatives of Anglicare and Helen Philips to discuss the extension of our present group into a MOPS group. Please come and discover what MOPS offers in comparison to our present morning activities. We feel this is an exciting move and it is desirable that we may reach out further into our community. I believe this is also on the heart of God and our Bishop, that is that we reach out to make friends with others and give support and encouragement to them as well.

This will be 13th March 1pm St. David's West Tamar Highway, Riverside.

Our usual morning will occur on Thurs. 14th March.

The weeks following this we are planning to begin an afternoon ALPHA in this Wednesday afternoon time slot from approx. 12.30 to complete in time for the picking up of school children. All welcome, we will be at Trevallyn for this event and we have a baby sitter, thanks to Jenny Pedley.

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