

SERVICE TIMES FOR DECEMBER

Our services for the combined centres service, held on the second Sunday of each month, are known as **GROWING TOGETHER**

THE SERVICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

St. David's

Every Sunday
 9.00 Holy Communion
 On the second Sunday in month
 9.00 GROWING TOGETHER IN HOLY COMMUNION
 10.30 GROWING TOGETHER WITH WORSHIP FOR ALL AGE

St. Oswald's

Every Sunday **except the second** in the month
 11.00 Holy Communion

(On the second Sunday: GROWING TOGETHER at St David's 9.00 and / or 10.30)

Every Wednesday
 10.00 A service of Holy Communion
 and Prayer for Healing

GROWING TOGETHER - DECEMBER 12th AT 10.30

"Growing Together as we Prepare for Christmas"

Services for January will follow the same timetable
 as for the other months of the year

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH DECEMBER

Sun	5	11.00	Anniversary of laying the Foundation Stone at St Oswald's - followed by luncheon
		7.00	Farewell service for Bp Newell at St Johns
Sun	12	7.30	Parish Council and Supper
Mon	20	2.30	Cadorna House - Holy Communion
Thur	23	2.00	Tamar Park - Holy Communion

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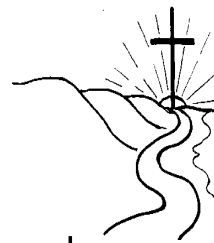
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Jesus
 is the way
 the Truth
 and
 the Life

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 and St David's Churches. December

Perspective....

Y2K and all that stuff

Come midnight on the 31st December this year, one of the great moments in history will take place. The clocks will not just signal the end of one day and the beginning of another, they will be heralding in a new era in history which we will date as 2000 +.

No doubt its significance has been heightened by the "Y2K Bug" within computers, and the "spectators" who will be watching and waiting to see if planes fall out of the sky, and what other mahem may arise.

I wonder how many people will welcome the event without any knowledge of what it actually signifies?

Perhaps it won't be too dissimilar to an event which took place in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago when in compliance with the orders of the Emperor of Rome, a census was held throughout the Roman Empire.

For the birth of Jesus of Nazareth we see three reactions:

- Those who were disinterested, such as those who could not even find a suitable place for the birth to take place.
- Those who were hostile, such as King Herod
- Those who welcomed the arrival of the Son of God with joy and adoration, such as the simple shepherds who came in from the fields, and the wise men who had traveled many miles to see and welcome this Special Child.

How do you intend the celebrate this event? Will it be focused on Y2K or JC?

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Coming Events



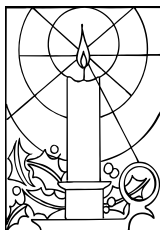
A Celebration of the
Christmas Story
with
the Launceston Handbell Choir
“Tintinnabuli”
at
St David’s Anglican Church Riverside
Saturday 18th December 7.30pm
followed by supper

Carols for the Community in the Trevallyn Reserve Christmas Eve

commencing at
7.30

For those who so desire, why not bring a
picnic tea prior to the singing of carols?
Please bring your own candles - carol sheets provided.

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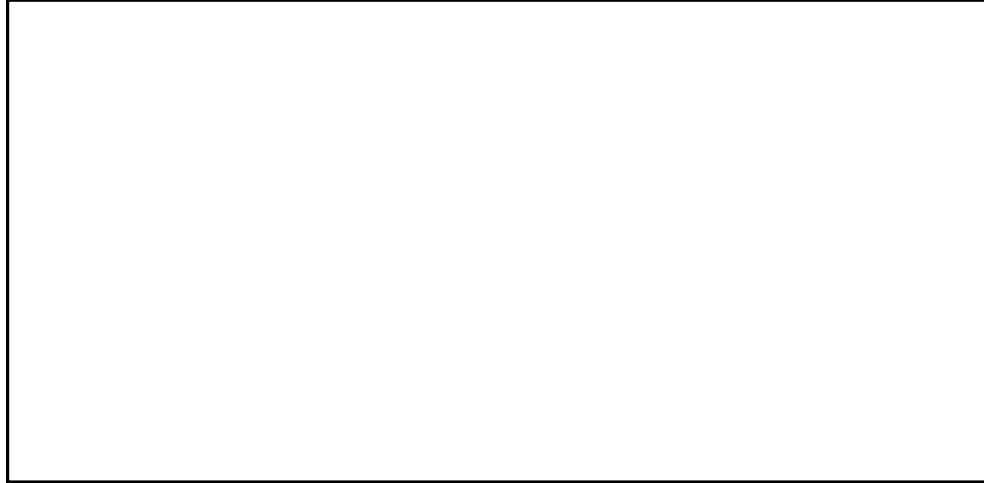
Christmas Eve

11.00pm Carols and Holy Communion
at St Oswald’s Trevallyn

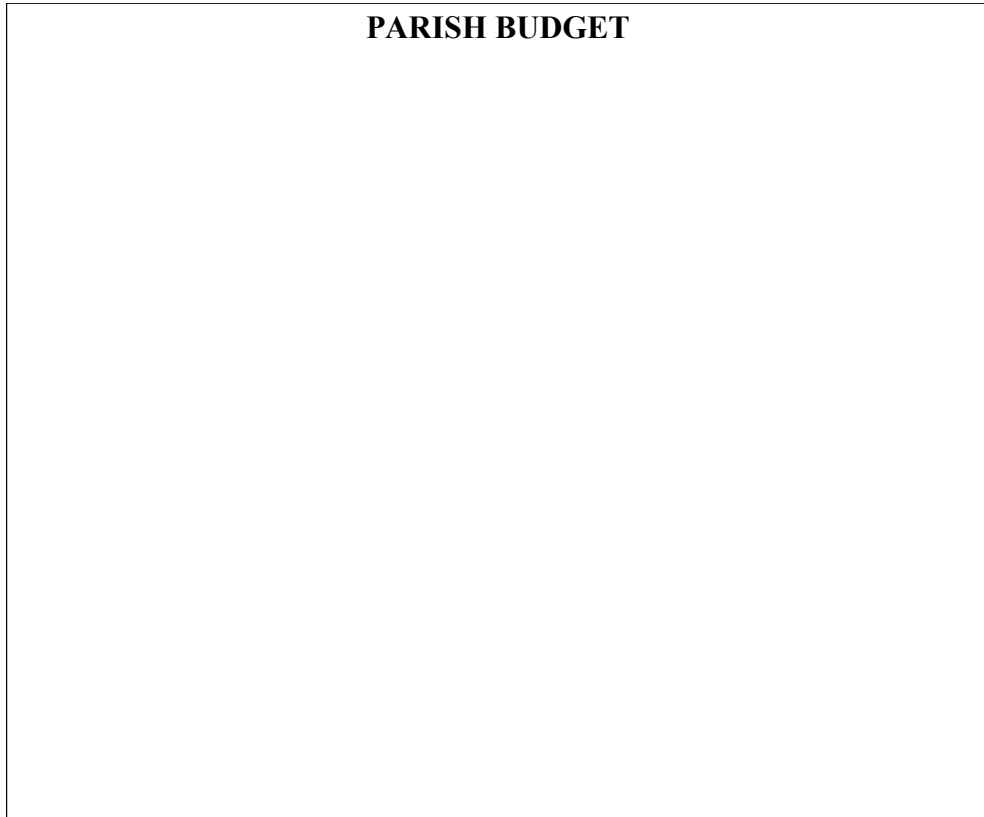
Christmas Day

9.00 Holy Communion at St David’s, Riverside
10.00 Holy Communion at St Oswald’s, Trevallyn

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PARISH BUDGET



Sunday 12 - 10.30 at St David's Riverside

The night

Do you have an interest in, or desire to be part of a prayer vigil on News Year's Eve to pray in the new decade, century, millennium at St Oswald's or St David's or both churches? Speak to Ross or Peter if you would like to be

Parents and Toddlers

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Summer School of Mission
21-23 January 2000
at St. John's Church, Launceston**

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE CITY MISSION

CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Each year the Mission is involved in ensuring that some of Launceston's more underprivileged children receive gifts at Christmas. The children assisted mainly come from families who have recently been involved with the Mission because they have needed food or financial assistance.

We receive donations of toys, books and games from community groups and churches and if there is a shortfall, purchase the toys ourselves. As a church fellowship, you may like to be involved in this programme in some way.....

A list of specific items suggested will be placed both at St David's and St Oswald's for those who would like to make a donation of a gift

Home Groups ...

Home Groups will be in recess for the next two months, although the chances are that they will be having some fun and social events during the holiday period.

**Bible Readers' and
Worship Leaders' Workshop...**

On the last two Saturday's of November almost 40 people in the parish took part in a "readers' workshop". As well as a time of learning, gaining experience, encouragement and advice, we had fun! The object for such a workshop is to give on-going training to those who lead and read the Bible in our services.

Worship Leaders' and Bible Readers' Workshop