

## Some Random Thoughts

There's an old proverb that says ... just about anything you want it to!

The mighty oak was once just a little nut that held its ground

There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation

There is no limit to what you can achieve if you don't mind who gets the credit

There two sides to every argument, unless a person is personally involved in which case there is only one

## The Latest Government Study

Did you hear about the latest government study on aging? It cost \$240 Million and provided compelling evidence that the average Australian is growing older

## Retirement Age

The firms administrator was really taken by the character of the job applicant, but she strongly suspected the woman was past retirement age. "On your application," the administrator remarked tactfully, "I see your birthday is the same as my mother's - September 6<sup>th</sup>. May I ask what year?"

"Every year," was the stoic reply.

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## Prayer for today

This day is your gift to us; we take it Lord, from your hand and thank you for the wonder of it.

**God be with us in this your day, every day and every way, with us and for us in this your day and the love and affection of heaven be toward us.**

All that we are Lord  
**We place into your hands**  
All that we do Lord  
**We place into your hands**  
Everything we work for  
**We place into your hands**  
Everything we hope for  
**We place into your hands**  
The troubles that weary us  
**We place into your hands**  
The thoughts that disturb us  
**We place into your hands**  
Each that we pray for  
**We place into your hands**  
Each that we care for  
**We place into your hands**

**Heavenly Father, give us a vision greater than we possess, that we may see clearly what you want us to accomplish.**

**Grant us the faith to realise that with you anything is possible.**

**Open our eyes to the scope of your love for all people.**

**Help us to reach out to others and share with them the saving love of Christ.**

**Bless us as we listen for words from you that give direction to our commitment and meaning to life.**

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**



1<sup>st</sup> February

## News for the Pews

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**Growing a community of faith  
committed to Christ and making him known**

Information & Church family news  
for the congregations of  
**St David's & St Oswald's**

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
which we will celebrate this year at St David's

The service has been prepared by the people of the Bahamas, lots of little islands - if, like me, you're not sure where or how many there are, get out your atlas and have a look. It's really quite marvelous to think of all these little places being populated with so many Christians.

World Day of Prayer is a way of connecting with Christians of other cultures and praying with them for peace. We need peace now in so many countries all over the world, so let us really concentrate on praying for world peace.



## Praise points:

- † Healing that has taken place for Jan and Bill
- † The new family in our congregation
- † All those coming forward to deliver Sunday messages
- † Restful & refreshing holiday time. Pray all are feeling refreshed and ready to continue serving the Lord
- † Beautiful Summer weather & rains blessing and growing our gardens

## Prayer points:

- † Sophie & Jake, children of Tim and Emma, who are having difficulties adjusting to the very different culture they are living in
- † Richard Menzie who is in hospital following a severe relapse in his mental condition, and for his parents
- † Ian Morley and others who have been unwell this week
- † Children and teachers as they return to school. For safety on the roads and freedom from bullying
- † Peace and an end to political and religious violence worldwide
- † Wisdom for our politicians in their daily lives governing in Local, State & Federal electorates
- † Our family members who don't have faith in the Lord. Open our hearts and minds to opportunities to share the Word with them

## Continue to pray for:

- † Rona's son Shane
- † Joan's daughter Margaret
- † Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake in SE Asia
- † Those with ongoing needs
  - † Bill & Bev † Margot † Kay & Peter
  - † Rona † Dick & Jo † June & Bert
  - † Roger, Julianne & Alison † Helen & Ian
  - † Robin † Joan Wilkins † David R-S
  - † Jan, Bill & Richard

## What's going on?

**Welcome lunch for the Skeat family** - a bring and share lunch will be held TODAY, 12 noon at Lawrence's home, 30 Dandenong Road, Trevallyn

**MST Commissioning** - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm at St Aidan's. Anne Neale and Mark Ford will be commissioned to the Ministry Support Team by Bp Ross Nicholson

**Bible Storytelling Workshop** - 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February at St Aidan's. Registration forms are available in each centre, or contact the Parish office

**Safe Church Communities ChildSafe Reaccreditation Training** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7 to 9pm at St Aidan's East Launceston. RSVP to the Parish office to book your place

**Westbury Parish Market** - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 8am to 12:30pm at Westbury Anglican Church, Lonsdale Promenade

**World Day of Prayer** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10am at St David's. Please speak to Mary if you are able to help on the day

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## Samaritan's Purse

### Operation Christmas Child

Connie has begun already! You can really help by filling a box or two, or asking Connie what she needs the most for the boxes and donating to help her fill as many as possible in 2015.



## Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's  
12:00noon Shared Lunch at Lawrence's

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

10:00 am Holy Communion at St Oswald's

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's

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## Home Groups

All home groups recommence 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February

Igglesden's (Legana) Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1:45pm

St Oswald's (Trevallyn) Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm

Pedley's (Riverside) Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm

If you don't belong to a group and wish to join,  
for afternoons phone Marie 6330 3187,  
for evenings: Jenny 6327 3520 or Ian 6327 1191

Happy Birthday  
Ken Pedley  
2<sup>nd</sup> February

