

The Priceless Gift

The priceless gift of life is love,
For with the help of God above
Love can change the human race
And make this world a better place.
For love dissolves all hate and fear
And makes our vision bright and clear
So we can see and rise above
Our pettiness on wings of love.

Life is what we are alive to.
It's not the length, but breadth,
Be alive to ...
Goodness, kindness, purity, love,
history, poetry, music, flowers, stars,
God and eternal hope.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law.
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have
crucified the flesh with its passions and
desires.

Galatians 5:22-24 ^{NIV}

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An Unfair Advantage

(Sincere apologies to all blondes!)

Bob, a handsome bloke, walked into a sports bar around 9:58pm. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the tv. The 10pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Bob says, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

The blonde replied, "Well I bet he wont."

Bob placed a \$20 note on the bar and said you're on.

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the bloke on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob saying, Fair's fair, here's your money."

Bob replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5pm news so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did too, but I didn't think he'd do it again." So Bob took the money.

Pass the Bowl

Would the congregation please note that the bowl at the back of the church, labeled "for the sick" is for monetary donations only!



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

The Disciples

They weren't saints, they weren't scholars, they weren't even religious leaders. The amazing thing is that Jesus ever selected them at all. Among them a handful of fishermen, a tax collector and a zealot.

When you take a look at the disciples you'll be faced with a stunning fact. The men the Saviour chose were ordinary, human and unremarkable, but they were available and obedient to His call.

Under Jesus' teaching and touch they became a force that forever changed the world. If Christ can accomplish His purposes through men like these, imagine what he has in store for you.

Praise points:

- ✚ The glorious sunshine, the birds, plants, trees and all God's creatures
- ✚ Just being alive (it's great!)
- ✚ David & Julie are settling into their new home in Brisbane
- ✚ Release of journalist Peter Greste from an Egyptian gaol

Prayer points:

- ✚ Mark & Anne as they are commissioned to the MST tomorrow night
- ✚ The Cocker and Chromy families
- ✚ The Gregory family
- ✚ The Skeat family as they settle into Parish life
- ✚ School Chaplains facing uncertain futures with changes to Federal funding. Pray especially for Jared & Christy and Janine
- ✚ Christian radio stations, especially WAY-FM locally, their announcers and staff
- ✚ MST; Parish Council; paid staff: Anne, James, Job, Josh & Roger; volunteers who conduct services & deliver the messages
- ✚ Families of all victims of violence here and overseas
- ✚ The situation in Jordan following the death of their pilot in ISIS custody. Pray this will not escalate into increasing retaliation

Continue to pray for:

- ✚ Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake in SE Asia
- ✚ Richard Menzie who is still in hospital
- ✚ 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?

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

Safe Church Communities ChildSafe Reaccreditation Training - Thursday 19th February, 7 to 9pm at St Aidan's East Launceston. RSVP to the Parish office to book your place. Speak to Kaye if you are unsure when your reaccreditation is due

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

Harvest Festival - Sunday 22nd February at St David's. All kinds of produce welcome

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March, 10am at St David's prepared by the people of the Bahamas

Connect Children & Families Ministry Conference - Saturday 14th March at Hope Christian Centre, 25 Tasma St, North Hobart. 9.00am to 3.30pm, \$50 adult or \$40pp for groups of 4 or more. Lunch and Morning Tea provided. Contact James Oakley 6327 3482 for more information or go to www.cmn.org.au

Working With Vulnerable People

Are you a group leader, worship leader, preacher, ministry volunteer or part of children's ministry? If you have already applied for Working With Vulnerable People registration please take your card to the Parish office for recording. If not, apply as soon as possible to ensure it is complete and your card returned before 1st April

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Monday 9th February

2:00 pm Cadorna

7:00 pm MST Commissioning Service of Mark Ford & Anne Neale at St Aidan's

Wednesday 11th February

10:00 am Holy Communion at St Oswald's

Sunday 15th February

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Home Groups

All starting back this week:

Igglesden's (Legana)

Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's (Riverside)

Tuesday 7:30pm

St Oswald's (Trevallyn)

Wednesday 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
Jan Menzie - 12th February

