

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 6th March 43 men and women from at least three denominations and several church areas, one from Western Australia, attended a service prepared by the ladies from the Bahamas.

St David's Riverside was the host but the presentation was shared with members from St Francis' church.

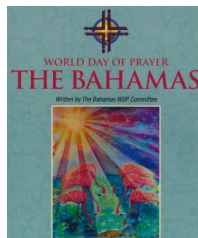
Two children from Riverside Primary School attended with their Chaplain Lindy Bailey. They were very excited about the service and took home paper flags of the Bahama Islands which we had used to decorate the church.

Rev Joshua Skeat gave a very inspiring message based on the theme for the day, "You do not know what I have to you."

An offering of \$230 was forwarded to World Day of Prayer committee to be used in the relief of abused women and children in The Bahamas.

Next year's service will be prepared by the ladies of Cuba and held at St Francis Roman Catholic Church in Pomona Road.

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Late For School

One day a pupil was missing. He wasn't usually late. We supposed he was sick and would come tomorrow with a note, but no - he just arrived very late and when asked why he was late, this was his reply:

I waited to see God. When I was walking along the road there were some workmen fixing up some wires down a hole in the footpath. Another man came along and peered down the hole and said, "Jesus, are you still down there?"

So I decided to wait until he came up so I could see what God looked like. I waited and waited, but no one came up.

And that's why I'm so late for school.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. Exodus 20:7 ^{NIV}

Food For Thought

A Christian tells of a work colleague, a very successful man of the world, who said to him one day, "On my way to work this morning a man stopped me and said, 'Are you a Jehovah's Witness?' Why would he ask me that? Why, I hadn't even seen the accident!"

The man was quite unaware of who Jehovah was and the question had him completely puzzled.

Selwyn Hughes



15th March

News for the Pews

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7 Words from the Cross

The fifth word - "I am thirsty"

Suffering Lord, you thirsted for us on the cross that the longings of our souls might be satisfied:

help us sinners to thirst after you and your righteousness, that your passion may not have been in vain.

Teach us, O God, never to be above asking for help, nor reluctant to give it;
for in the simplest request we affirm our manhood, and by the smallest kindness may be serving our Lord, who having suffered now offers us the living water of eternal life.

Praise points:

- ✚ Bible Society in their work to bring the word of God to all people, for the bible translations and dedicated people who translate the Word into so many languages. Availability of the bible has changed the lives of so many people, from those in prison here in Tassie to those in places like Pakistan, Cambodia, Vietnam & outback Australia
- ✚ Opportunities opening up in Riverside & Trevallyn to share the word and love of God in the schools
- ✚ Participation of the young people in last Sunday's service led by Josh

Prayer points:

- ✚ School Chaplains in new situations around the state, and for those who lost their positions in the current round of funding. Pray that finance will be made available for these important roles
- ✚ CMS - strength, perseverance, wisdom & faith for all their overseas aid workers, and that many will be able to attend regular prayer gatherings and commit to bringing a global mission before the Lord
- ✚ That all countries would reconsider the death penalty. Pray especially for all those involved in the situation in Bali

Continue to pray for:

- ✚ Caleb, Joan and others in pain
- ✚ Josh, James & Job in their ministry roles
- ✚ Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake in SE Asia
- ✚ Those with ongoing needs
 - ✚ Bill & Bev ✚ Margot ✚ Kay & Peter
 - ✚ Rona ✚ Dick & Jo ✚ June & Bert
 - ✚ Robin ✚ Joan Wilkins ✚ Jan & Bill
 - ✚ Roger, Julianne & Alison ✚ Richard Menzie
 - ✚ Ros & Dennis Lawrence

What's going on?

St Oswald's Fellowship - Wednesday 18th March, 2pm in St Oswald's Hall

Crafty Circle - has commenced for the new year. Next meeting on Thursday 26th March, 10am in St David's hall. New members welcome

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 29th March, 10am at St David's. Josh Skeat will be speaking and there will be opportunity to continue fellowship after the service with lunch. Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Recommitment to Ministry & Blessing of the Oils - Tuesday 31st March, 10am at Christ Church Longford

Leprosy Mission Afternoon Tea - Wednesday 1st April, 2pm at All Saints Church Exeter. Donation at the door for the work of TLM. RSVP to Marguerite Tyson 6394 4453. Dr Colin Martin, chair of the TMLA board, who has worked in Anandaban Hospital will be speaking about Nepal & leprosy - now and the future

Community Feast - Wednesday 1st April 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start at St Oswald's Hall, Trevallyn. Donations gratefully accepted to cover costs. RSVP by Friday 27th March to Naomi - 0417681022

Pupil Free Day School Holiday Escape - Thursday 2nd April, 9am to 3pm at St Oswald's. More info & to book a place contact James Oakley 6327 3482

Easter Services:

Good Friday 3rd April 10am at St David's
Easter Sunday 10am at St David's Riverside & 10:30am at St Oswald's Trevallyn

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 18th March

10:00 am Healing Service with Holy Communion at St Oswald's

Thursday 19th March

10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 22nd March

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Home Groups

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

Bell Ringing for asylum seekers in detention

St Oswald's have joined St Aidan's and many others in ringing the bells on Mondays at 3:30pm for 10 minutes.

Would you be willing and available to ring the bells each week at St David's until all detainees are set free? If you would like to take part in a