

Why God Made Hugs

Everyone was meant to share
God's all-abiding love and care;
He saw that we would need to know
A way to let these feelings show.

So God made hugs - a special sign,
And symbol of His love divine,
A circle of our open arms
To hold in love and keep out harm.

One simple hug can do its part
To warm and cheer another's heart.
A hug's a bit of heaven above
That signifies His perfect love.

Jill Wolf

The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed
to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35
When it comes to hugs, both giving and
receiving are good for your health!



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You Shouldn't Skip Church

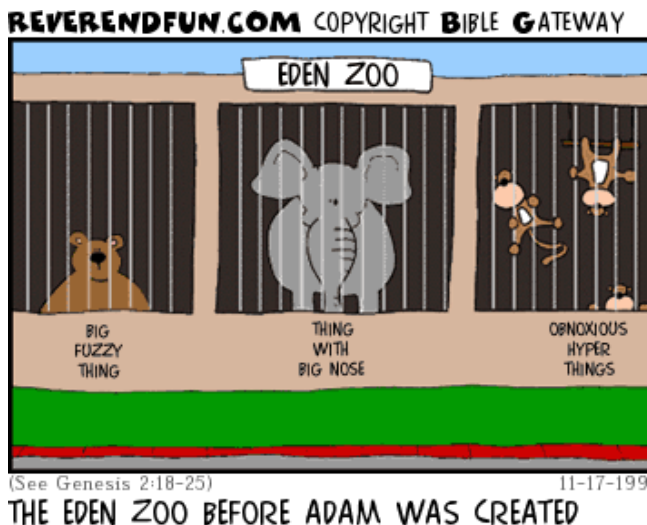
A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside.

Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish.... please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet.

"Dear Lord, bless this food I am about to receive... in Jesus' name... Amen."



News for the Pews

RIVERLINKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

What a God!

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your pain?
1 Corinthians 15:55

The fire that lit the boiler of the New Testament church was an unquenchable belief that if Jesus had been only a man, he would have stayed in the tomb. The earliest Christians couldn't stay silent about the fact that the one they saw hung on a cross walked again on the earth and appeared to five hundred people.

Let us ask our Father humbly, yet confidently in the name of Jesus, to remind us of the empty tomb. Let us see the victorious Jesus: the conqueror of the tomb, the one who defied death. And let us be reminded that we, too, will be granted that same victory!

Max Lucado - *Walking with the Saviour*

Praise for:

- † Jan and Bill are back without any serious incidents
- † Sunshine and flowers of Spring
- † People who have preached & celebrated recently to lighten the load for others

Pray for:

- † Graeme's brother Alan would receive confirmation of the date of his operation very soon
- † Jo as she recovers from the operation on her hand
- † A good attendance at the Leprosy Mission lunch in Exeter this Wednesday
- † Ross and Kaye would have a relaxing time away 'recharging their batteries'
- † The committee working on Christmas Eve celebrations at St O's
- † The nominations committee as they consider candidates for the new Bishop
- † Students and teachers would have enjoyable holidays before the final push in term 4
- † Families who are grieving from recent road fatalities, and the police and emergency service personnel who attend these tragedies
- † Seniors Week functions coming up, pray for preparations being made and for good attendance especially from people outside the Parish

Continue to pray for:

- † 3 new families for St Oswald's & St David's
- † Josh, James, Job, Roger & Anne
- † Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake in SE Asia
- † Pray often for each other, especially:
 - † Bill & Bev † Margot † Rona & Shane
 - † Robin † Dick & Jo † Joan W
 - † Roger & Julianne † Ian, Helen & Sarah
 - † Alison † Bill, Jan & Richard
 - † Kay & Peter † Pat & Val

What's going on?

West Tamar Annual Leprosy Mission Lunch - Wednesday 30th September. Opening at 10:30am there will be a trade table with many good gifts for Christmas available to purchase. Margaret Mead will speak from 11:30am with lunch at 12:30pm. Gold coin donation, more info please contact 6394 4991 Please note that there will be **NO HEALING SERVICE** on 30th September to enable everyone to attend

Launceston Male Choir Annual Concert - Sunday 4th October, 2pm at City Baptist Church, Frederick St Launceston. Donation \$10 supporting Camp Quality. Also including "Singcognito". Afternoon tea to follow the performance

Preaching Workshop - Sunday 11th October, 2 to 4pm in the Parish office

Seniors Week in Riverlinks - 14th, 15th & 16th October at St Oswald's and St David's

Wednesday 14th October: **Healing service, lunch and Minds Matter Q&A with Dr George Razay**

Thursday 15th October: **Card making demonstration with Jillian Parkinson**

Friday 16th October: **Information on Dementia - don't forget to come!** (lunch included) plus Pneumococcal vaccine info session

Gold coin donation to each day's activity. Book for 16th October with the Parish office 63274742 or office@riverlinks.net.au

Shared Lunch - Sunday 18th October, 12:30pm at Percy's home, 40 Richard St Prospect

Men's Bible Conference - Saturday 17th October at the Branch Christian Church, Kings Meadows. \$20 registration (includes good coffee and lunch) payable on the day. Register to Ben Vandervelde 6334 8145

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's
10:30 am 10.30 @ St O's

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Home Groups

Igglesden's (Legana)	Tuesday 1:45pm
Pedley's (Riverside)	(in recess until 13 th October)
St Oswald's (Trevallyn)	Wednesday 7:30pm

Happy Birthday to

Anne Doherty - 28th September



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world"

May the birthday candles that represent the years of your life. Be a reflection to others of your love for Christ