

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse OCC shoe boxes need to be dropped off to Punchbowl Christian Centre during October for delivery.

If you have a filled shoe box at home please bring it along to church as soon as possible.

If you feel able to make a contribution and haven't already, please consider donating some money toward the cost of freight. Each shoe box costs \$9 to send.

Please pray for the volunteers during the next few weeks, especially Josie and Mark, as they sort and pack all the boxes brought in from around the North.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to filling boxes and providing funds for delivery. Your gifts and generosity are very much appreciated.

Last year Operation Christmas Child distributed nearly 10.5 million shoebox gifts worldwide. **Laughter. Happiness. Joy. Life in all its fullness.**
FOR ALL THOSE CHILDREN!



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Wrong Email Address

A lesson to be learned from typing the wrong email address ...

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack.

The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife
Subject: I've Arrived

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.
P.S. Sure is hot down here!!!



4th October

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

Time Slips By

As many as walk according to this rule,
peace and mercy be upon them.
Galatians 6:16

As we get older, our vision should improve. Not our vision of earth, but our vision of heaven. Those who have spent their life looking for heaven gain a skip in their step as the city comes into view.

After Michelangelo died, someone found in his studio a piece of paper on which he had written a note to his apprentice. In the handwriting of his old age the great artist wrote: "Draw, Antonio, draw, and do not waste time."

Well-founded urgency, Michelangelo. Time slips. Days pass. Years fade. And life ends. And what we came to do must be done while there is time.

Max Lucado - *He Still Moves Stones*

Praise for:

- † Helen Hambly has had a very successful operation to insert stents
- † Leprosy Mission lunch in Exeter had a packed church, an inspiring message by Maggie Mead, and even an extra visitor

Pray for:

- † Laurice who has sprained her ankle
- † Pray with Parish Council as they endeavour to find more representatives especially from the George Town area
- † The committee working on Christmas Eve celebrations at St O's
- † Josie, Mark and their team as they begin preparation for OCC box collection
- † Newlyweds in our extended Parish family, for the Lord's blessing on these marriages
- † Imtiaz & Zen, refugees on temporary protection visas in Tasmania who are suffering PTSD from all that they have witnessed and an uncertain future. Pray for all refugees in Australia, that they would be welcomed and shown love & hospitality, especially those in detention centres for so long awaiting decisions on their status
- † World leaders and the International community in their response to the needs of refugees. May their decision be guided by God's compassion and love

Continue to pray for:

- † Graeme's brother Alan
- † The nomination committee for the new Bishop
- † 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 † Kay & Peter † Pat & Val
 - † Jan & Bill, Richard, Michael & Marlene

What's going on?

Launceston Male Choir Annual Concert - 2pm TODAY at City Baptist Church, Frederick St Launceston. Donation \$10 supporting Camp Quality. Including "Singcognito" and afternoon tea will 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

Christians in the Firing Line - Wednesday 14th October, 7 to 9pm. A Barnabas Fund special presentation at St Andrew's Pres, Church, 36 St John St. Launceston

Barnabas Partners Breakfast * Future of the Church under Islam - Thursday 15th October 8 to 10am at the Sebel Hotel, cnr St John & William Sts Launceston. Free event, however donations welcome. Booking essential to jude.simion@barnabasfund.org.au 1300 365799

Shared Lunch - Sunday 18th October, 12:30pm at Percey'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. Speaker is Dave MacDonald, author of the book 'Hope beyond Cure'

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 7th October

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

Sunday 11th October

- 10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's
- 10:30 am Contact Josh 0438 681 404

Home Groups

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

Happy Birthday to

Felix Oakley - 5th October

Bill Percey - 7th October

Giving thanks for abundance
is sweeter than the
abundance itself.
Rumi

