

## 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 is a senior citizen?

A senior citizen is one who was here before the pill, before television, frozen foods, credit cards and ball point pens.

For us a chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant tools and software was not even a word, and teenagers never wore trousers.

We were before pantyhose, drip dry clothes, dishwashers, clothes dryers and electric blankets. We got married first and then lived together and thought cleavage was something the butchers did.

We were before Batman, disposable nappies, pizzas and instant coffee. And KFC wasn't even thought of.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing, pot was something you cooked in. A gay person was the life of the party, whilst aids means beauty solutions or to help someone in trouble.

We are today's senior citizens, a hardy bunch when you think how the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make.

### Leprosy Mission Lunch

A contingent of parishioners from all parts of Riverlinks helped fill the Exeter Uniting Church for its Leprosy Mission fundraiser on Wednesday 30th September.

The day was perfect for the drive beside the Tamar. On arrival we checked out the well stocked trade tables before taking our place in the church, where we sang a number of choruses.

Then a short introductory service of hymns, prayers and bible readings preceded a very interesting and amusing talk given by Maggie Mead. She talked about her experiences in the Congo, now D.R. of Congo, treating leprosy patients and teaching the locals how to care for them. She explained how, not only leprosy patients but the whole village, were helped to provide for themselves, by lending some of the money, donated to the cause, to the people to start productive projects. This is a very successful program, and the same money is repaid and relent many times as projects become viable and dignity is returned to once rejected leprosy sufferers.

A lavish lunch was provided by the Exeter ladies, and a sizeable donation was received for the Leprosy Mission.

A thoroughly enjoyable and productive day.

Mary

### Random Ridiculousness

After a young couple brought their new baby home, the wife suggested that her husband should try his hand at changing nappies. 'I'm busy,' he said. 'I'll do the next one.'

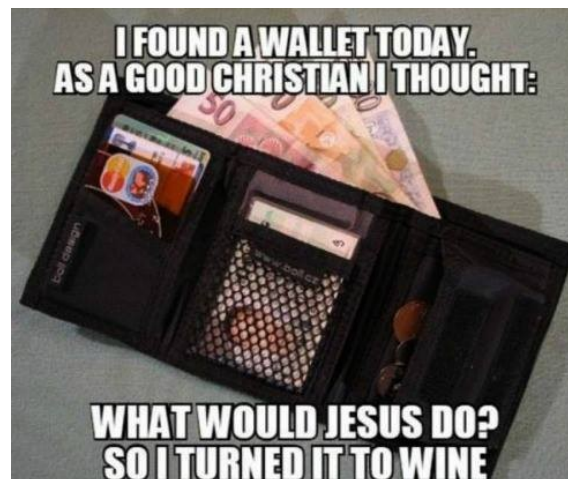
The next time came around and she asked again. The husband narrowed his eyes as he looked at his wife. 'I didn't mean the next nappy. I meant the next baby.'

The district attorney was cross-examining the murderess on the witness stand. 'And so after you had poisoned the coffee and your husband sat at the breakfast table partaking of the fatal dosage, didn't you feel any qualms? Didn't you feel the slightest pity for him knowing that he was about to die and was wholly unconscious of it?'

'Yes,' she answered. 'Come to think of it...there was just a moment when I sort of felt sorry for him.'

'And, when was that?'

'When he asked for the second cup.'



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## Praise for:

- † An enthusiastic response to Seniors Week functions. Praise for the opportunities these functions give, and pray doors will be opened to new people in our community
- † Aid workers overseas assisting with people affected by war and natural disasters, and local agencies such as City Mission

## Pray for:

- † Kay Bennett who has not been eating and is very frail at present. Pray also for Peter as he sits with her daily
- † Anglican Clergy as they meet for the annual conference at Grindelwald this week
- † Margaret Smith's husband who is waiting on specialist appointments
- † Spring rains and relief for firefighters at the beginning of what is already a bad fire season
- † Children & teachers starting back at school for the final term this year
- † European countries who are being overrun with refugees and finding difficulty coping with the strain on already overloaded infrastructure
- † All the children caught up in conflict worldwide

## 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 † Marie † Pat & Val
  - † Jan & Bill, Richard, Michael & Marlene

## What's going on?

**Preaching Workshop** - 2 to 4pm TODAY in the Parish office

### THIS WEEK IS SENIORS WEEK!

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

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October: **Card making demonstration with Jillian Parkinson**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October with the Parish office 63274742 or office@riverlinks.net.au

**Christians in the Firing Line** - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Men's Bible Conference** - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Day of Prayer for Syria** - On 17<sup>th</sup> October Open Doors invites Christians around Australia to join in praying for Syria

**Blessing of the Pets** - 17<sup>th</sup> October, 11am at St Andrew's Westbury

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

## Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's  
10:30 am 10.30 @ St O's

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

10:00 am Healing Service & Holy Communion at St Oswald's with Dr Razay & followed by lunch, discussion, Q&A

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's  
10:30 am Contact Josh 0438 681 404

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## Home Groups

Igglesden's (Legana)	Tuesday 1:45pm
Pedley's (Riverside)	Tuesday 7:30pm
St Oswald's (Trevallyn)	Wednesday 7:30pm

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Happy Birthday to  
**Stephanie Hutt** - 13<sup>th</sup> October

