

Wanted: people to help with the crèche at Summerview 2016

If you're coming to Summerview this January (14th-17th), would you please consider volunteering to help in our crèche? The crèche is a really important ministry to enable kids to experience God's love through the wider Christian community, and to enable parents to take part in the studies and teaching at the start of each day of Summerview. Even if you would only commit to one morning, that would be a great help! Please speak to James Oakley - kids_families@riverlinks.net.au or 0407 325275 to volunteer or for more details.

If you are approached for financial help

If needy people approach you there are fuel and food vouchers in the office. Ken Pedley is the person to see! (It is not wise to give money, but support is available to them via the vouchers)

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Blessings

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Some thoughts on Advent

"Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise." Karl Rahner

"The only real blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart." Helen Keller

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2



News for the Pews

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Information & Church family news
for the congregations of
St David's & St Oswald's

Prayer Reminds Us

**When a believing person prays,
great things happen. James 5:16**

Prayer is the recognition that if God had not engaged himself in our problems, we would still be lost in the blackness. It is by his mercy that we have been lifted up. Prayer is that whole process that reminds us of who God is and who we are.

I believe there's great power in prayer. I believe God heals the wounded, and that he can raise the dead. But I don't believe we tell God what to do and when to do it.

God knows that we, with our limited vision, don't even know that for which we should pray. When we entrust our requests to him, we trust him to honour our prayers with holy judgement.

Max Lucado
Walking with the Saviour



Praise for:

- † Bishop-elect Richard Condie who will be taking up the role of Bishop of Tasmania in March. Pray for him and his family as he finishes up ministry in St Jude's
- † A great attendance at Riverlinks Together last weekend. Praise also for the great things happening around the Parish which were shared
- † That 164 adults and 67 children have already "booked in" to attend next Sunday's Christmas Carol Celebration. Pray for all who are organising, cooking, etc.
- † Thanks from Laurice for all the birthday wishes she received last week
- † A great Christmas celebration for the MST and Parish Council last Thursday

Pray for:

- † Ian Wills who is in LGH Northside at the moment. Pray for Helen also, and their friends who are helping and supporting them both during this time
- † Students and teachers as they celebrate finishing up the year

Continue to pray for:

- † Alex & Margaret
- † The Diocesan staff as they prepare for the next round of Royal Commission hearings
- † 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
 - † Robin † Dick & Jo † Joan W
 - † Roger & Julianne † Ian, Helen & Sarah
 - † Alison † Marie † Pat & Val
 - † Jan & Bill, Richard, Michael & Marlene
 - † Peter Bennett † Joan Wilkins

What's going on?

Riverside Carol Celebration - Next Sunday 13th December, 4pm at St David's. No morning service next week

Their Sacrifice - National exhibition of wartime bibles at Launceston LINC (Library), until 17th December. Immerse yourself in inspiring and moving stories of courage and faith during times of conflict

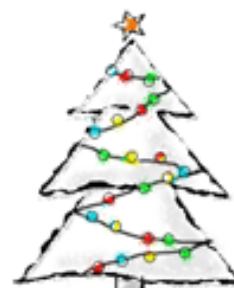
Hillwood Usual Unusual Christmas Service - Tuesday 15th December, 7pm in Hillwood Hall

Carols in Trevallyn Reserve - Christmas Eve 7:30 to 9:00pm. LED candles only, available on the night for a gold coin donation. Walk if possible & bring something to sit on. Enquiries to Josh 0438 681404

SummerView 2016 - January 14-17 at Port Sorell. Time is rushing on and there is only 2 weeks to the official closing date for registration. Register NOW online at www.tinyurl.com/p86bbxs OR Send form to Arthur Wherrett at 25 Bay Road New Town 7008, OR Phone 6228 5846 / 0428 285 846

City Mission Christmas Tree

Please give generously to fill it with gifts for City Mission. There are now only two weeks left to get your donations in



Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 9th December

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

Sunday 13th December

4:00 pm Christmas Carol Celebration at St David's
10:30 am Contact Josh 0438 681 404

Monday 14th December

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 16th December

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

Thursday 17th December

10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 20th December

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

Home Groups

All Home Groups are now in recess until Feb. 2016

Margot Sutton
- 8th December

