

Christmas Carol Celebration

Last Sunday James & Josh presented the Christmas story with a difference - featuring familiar carols and several performances from the Riverside Primary choir.

St David's was full to capacity with children, mums, dads, grandparents and regular parishioners. Many stayed for refreshments following this carols celebration



mainly music

On Thursday 17th December the mainly music team celebrated together with their helpers and cooks at the Relish Café in East Launceston.

A happy, chatty morning was enjoyed by around 20 people.

Christmas Crackers

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas

What's the most popular wine at Christmas?

"There's nothing good on TV!"

Does Santa like Christmas carols?

No. He's more into wrap

How much should you spend on a Christmas turkey?

A poultry amount



News for the Pews

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

The Gift Is God-Given

Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows.

James 1:17

The conclusion is unavoidable: self-salvation simply does not work. Man has no way to save himself.

But Paul announces that God has a way. Where man fails God excels. Salvation comes from heaven downward, not earth upward. "Every good action and every perfect gift is from God".

Please note: Salvation is God-given, God-driven, God-empowered, and God-originated. The gift is not from man to God. It is from God to man.

Max Lucado
In the Grip of Grace



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Praise for:

- † A great turn out last Sunday for the Christmas Carol Celebration, and the witness that Lindy is able to be in the Primary School despite the restrictions on her as a Chaplain
- † Our every member ministry, may they all enjoy a happy and holy Christmas

Pray for:

- † Safety on our roads for everyone travelling over Christmas/New Year
- † Christmas services around the city, especially the Carols in Trevallyn Reserve, as we have opportunities to share the Good News with our family, friends & neighbours
- † Margot Sutton who has been having a difficult time at PresCare. Pray for patience and love from and for her carers there
- † Rona and Joan would have relief from pain
- † Rain here to alleviate the drought
- † Those who have lost homes etc. in the floods of the latest Sydney storms
- † All who have lost loved ones and feel this loss so much more at this Christmas time
- † Bishop-Elect Dr Richard Condie as he finishes up and prepares to come to Tasmania
- † Dr Renu Singh who's been detained in India

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
 - † 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?

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

Christmas Day - Friday 9:00am at St David's

SummerView 2016 - January 14-17 at Port Sorell. 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



The Parish office will close at lunch time on Thursday 24th December, and reopens Wednesday 27th January.

For urgent issues during this time please contact a member of Parish Council or the Local Ministry Support Team



Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 23rd December

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

Thursday 24th December

- 7:30 pm Carols in Trevallyn Reserve

Friday 25th December

- 9:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Sunday 27th December

- 10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's

Home Groups

All Home Groups are now in recess until Feb. 2016

Happy birthday to
Adrienne Gregory
22nd December

City Mission Christmas Tree



Thank you to everyone who donated items for City Mission. Many families in need will benefit from your generosity.

Remember that the basket is available in the foyer for donations at any time of the year