

## How important is our fellowship in the local church?

A minister was concerned about the absence of a man who had normally attended services. After a few weeks, he decided to visit him. When the pastor arrived at the man's home, he found him all alone, sitting in front of a fireplace. The minister pulled up a chair and sat next to him. But after his initial greeting he said nothing more.

The two sat in silence for a few minutes while the minister stared at the flames in the fireplace. Then he took the tongs and carefully picked up one burning ember from the flames and placed it on the hearth. He sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched in quiet reflection as the ember flickered and faded. Before long it was cold and dead.

The minister glanced at his watch and said he had to leave, but first he picked up the cold ember and placed it back in the fire. Immediately it began to glow again with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the minister rose to leave, his host stood with him and shook his hand. Then, with a smile on his face, the man said, "Thanks for the sermon, pastor. I'll see you in church on Sunday."

*Lord, help us see how much we need each other  
As we walk along the Christian way;  
In fellowship with sister and with brother,  
You will keep us growing day by day. —Hess*

*The warm fellowship of the church will keep your heart  
from growing cold*

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## Enthusiastic Volunteers

A fire started on some grassland near a farm and the country fire department was called to put the fire out. The fire was a more than these fire fighters could handle on their own, so someone suggested that a nearby volunteer bunch be called. Though there was doubt that the volunteer outfit would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire and stopped in the middle of the flames.

The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the centre of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controllable parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a cheque for \$1000.

A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That oughta be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on that darn old fire truck."



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(See Matthew 27:46) 04-14-2006  
HE SAID "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI"  
... YOU ARE LAMA, SO WE FIGURE YOU  
TWO MUST HAVE BEEN IN CAHOOTS

## News for the Pews

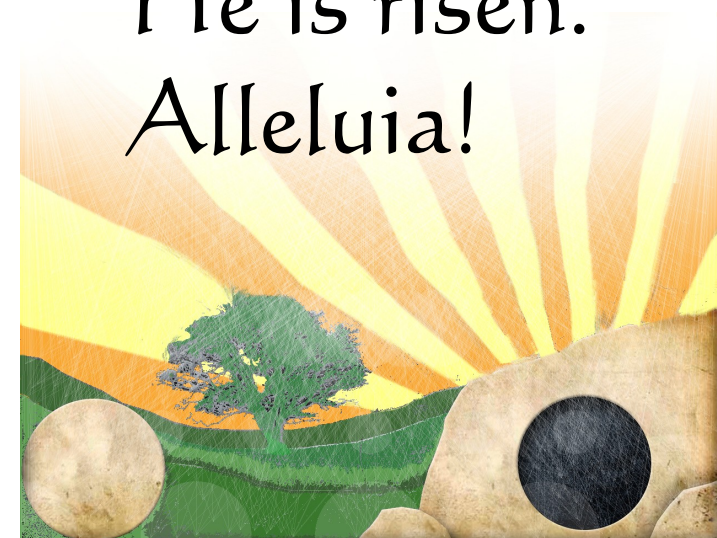
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Information & Church family news  
for the congregations of  
St David's & St Oswald's

## Easter Day

He is risen.  
Alleluia!



## Praise for:

- † Clear test results for Kevin Hutt
- † Margaret Spurio is recovering well
- † Launceston Community Easter Festival and the Christian witness this has been
- † The rain we have had, and continue to pray for more as lake levels reach record lows

## Pray for:

- † Kathy Suttar and Alex Smith as they both begin chemotherapy treatments
- † All the victims of terrorist acts, especially the bombings in Belgium, and those grieving
- † Safe travel for everyone on holiday over the Easter break. Pray for a fatality free road toll & patience for all drivers

## Continue to pray for:

- † Louise Brown & Marilyn Gee
- † Josh, James, Job, Roger & Anne
- † Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake in SE Asia
- † More families to join and commit to the Lord and the Parish
- † Pray often for each other, especially:
  - † Bill & Bev † Margot † Rona
  - † Robin † Dick & Jo † Joan Wilkins
  - † Roger & Julianne † Ian, Helen & Sarah
  - † Alison † Marie † Pat & Val
  - † Connie † Peter Bennett

## Raised to life

Very early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, they went to the tomb. *Mark 16:2*

As the sun comes up today, remember how Jesus was raised to life on Easter morning. Be thankful for the new life and new hope you have because of him.

Lord Jesus,  
thank you for destroying darkness and death and bringing us light and life.  
Let Easter joy be with us today. Amen.

## What's going on?

**Mission-Shaped Ministry Taster Day** - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at St Aidan's, 10am to 4pm

**Understanding Yourself - Understanding Others** - A course for anyone. Based on the MBTI© this short course will help people to value their uniqueness and better understand their strengths and weaknesses. It will assist participants to communicate more effectively with many different types of people.

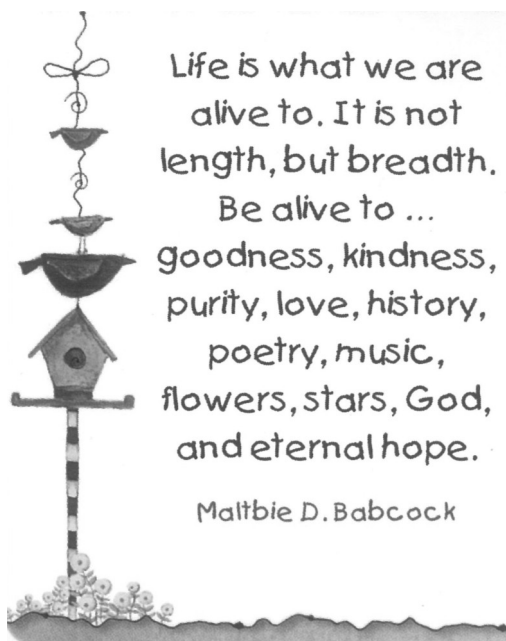
When: 7pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April

Where: at St Oswald's Hall

Cost: \$15

Further details: Cathy or Norman Lawrence on 63341130 or [norman.lawrence@hotmail.com](mailto:norman.lawrence@hotmail.com)

*The Parish office will re-open on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. For any urgent matters before this time please contact your PC or MST reps*



## Services for the coming weeks:

Today

9:30am Community Easter egg hunt in Trevallyn Reserve

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

10:30 am Coffee & Hot Cross Buns at St O's

11:30 am Worship & Communion at St O's

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

10:30 am Worship at St O's

## Home Groups

Iglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm

St Oswald's Wednesday 7:30pm

thank  
you!

The Hutt family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers and messages of support.

Kevin's test results were completely clear of cancer.

All glory to Jesus Christ for this wonderful answer to prayer.