

Dear Friends,

A day late this week, as we spent yesterday giving thanks for those who have served our country in the Defences Forces. I was at the Cenotaph in Hobart for the main ANZAC Day service, as I guess were many of you in your own cities and towns.

Last week I met up with a number of clergy in the Diocese one to one. I am so encouraged by the faithfulness and dedication of those who serve us in our parishes. On Sunday I had the privilege of worshipping with the people of Wellspring over four Sunday services, the evening being a Q&A panel, where the congregation dished up a bunch of curly questions for us.

Please join with me in giving thanks for:

- Faithful clergy leaders across the Diocese, for their dedication and hard work in teaching and encouraging the saints and leading us in our gospel outreach to the world.
- For the ministries of Wellspring, for their witness and creativity, and engagement in local mission.

Please pray:

- Continually for our clergy that they would be godly, humble and wise, and faithful in teaching, pastoring and leading. Pray for them not to fall into sin, and to remain faithful in prayer and service.
- For the ministry team and people at Wellspring; for Rob Imberger, Chris Bowditch and Michael Chau, and the many lay people who are involved in ministry there.
- For those who came to the Q&A session on Sunday night who are exploring faith and difficult questions of discipleship. Pray that God would draw them to himself.
- For those who serve in the Defence Forces, and especially our Anglican Defence Force Chaplains.

God bless,

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A poodle and a collie were having a conversation.

Poodle: "My life is a mess. My owner is mean, my girlfriend is leaving me for a German shepherd, and I'm nervous as a cat."

Collie: "Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?"

Poodle: "I can't. I'm not allowed on the couch."

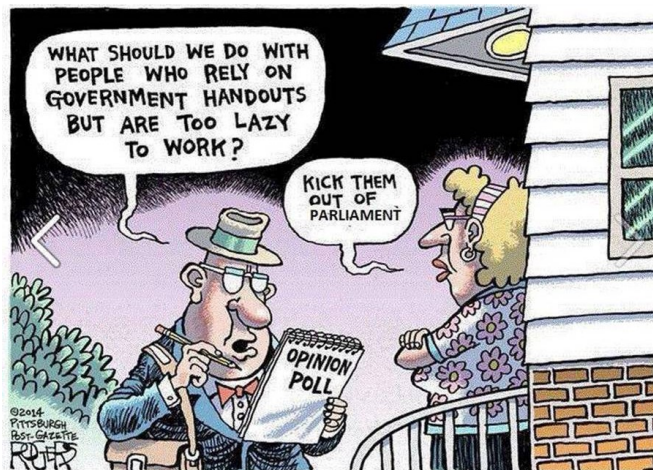
A husband-and-wife photography team we know shoot their pictures together, do their developing and printing together—in fact, they do everything together, they're together 24 hours of the day.

We wondered how they managed to keep up such good working relations.

"Well, frankly," the wife said, "it wouldn't work out if one of us didn't have a good disposition."

"Which one?" we asked.

"Oh," she laughed, "we take turns."



## News for the Pews

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for the congregations of  
**St David's & St Oswald's**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life:  
grant that we may walk in his way,  
rejoice in his truth,  
and share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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## *Praise for:*

- † The ongoing renovations at St Oswald's
- † Youth work being done by James & Job
- † Richard Menzie has found employment
- † Anzac service in Trevallyn reserve was well received

## *Pray for:*

- † Rona who is in St Vincents hospital
- † Robin who has not been well
- † June Hazzlewood for improved balance to avoid more falls
- † Kathy who still has another couple of weeks of treatment
- † Alex & Margaret as Alex continues chemo
- † All those in our congregation who are about to travel away for the Winter
- † Rain
- † Jan's daughter-in-law Christine who has had a bad relapse in her MS

## *Continue to pray for:*

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

God,  
thank you for the healing that time brings.  
Help me see each day as a chance for a new beginning.

## *What's going on?*

**Senior's Information Night** - This Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7:30pm at Riverbank Christian Church, 27 Riverbank Place, Riverside. There will be speakers from Alzheimer's Australia and Community Care Tas, and the info session will conclude with supper

**Cursillo Northern Ulteya** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Holy Trinity, Cimitiere Street, Launceston. 12 noon for lunch, 1 pm start and 3 pm finish. Please bring lunch to share

**Crafty Circle** - 10:00 am, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May in St David's hall

**Tasmanian Bible Forum** - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 2:30pm at Mission 21, Anglican Parish of the Huon, 21 Wilmot St, Huonville. Speaker is International Bible Teacher Rev Dr Kathy Rochester, on "Discovering Practical Insights in Deuteronomy". Cost \$10 includes morning & afternoon tea and light lunch (soup, bread rolls and fruit). Pay on the day at registration desk

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## **Fellowship Meeting**

8 members met at Robin's on Wednesday 18 April for an informal afternoon. Apologies were received from Jan, Wendy & Joan Wilkins.

Items discussed:

1. Home visits - awaiting answers from those approached. If you know anyone who would appreciate a visit let Mary know on 6331 6568
2. Ann Collings would like to conduct a knitting class on craft days
3. Healing services will be at St David's during building operations at St Oswald's
4. Money on hand to be banked in Riverlinks account. Margie to transfer funds from guild account
5. Next meeting 19 May at Joan Wilkins' - simple recipe exchange day
6. Members to donate for Samaritan's Purse box contents & 2 members to make necessary purchases

## *Services for the coming weeks:*

*Today*

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

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May*

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

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May*

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

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## *Home Groups*

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| Igglesden's | Tuesday 1:45pm   |
| Pedley's    | Tuesday 7:30pm   |
| St Oswald's | Wednesday 7:30pm |

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## *Happy birthday to:*

Ian Morley - 6<sup>th</sup> May

Jo Janes - 7<sup>th</sup> May

Norman Lawrence - 7<sup>th</sup> May

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## **Prayer Chain**

We are currently updating the Prayer Chains. If you would like to be a part of one please write your name and contact phone number on the form in the foyer. Please sign up for this again even if you have previously been part of one. For further info please contact Mary 63316568