

Dear Friends,

Last week I spent some time preparing for the Diocesan Council meeting coming up next week, and on Sunday worshipping at St Thomas' Howrah. And the media is full of the news about the departure of UK from the EU, and our own upcoming election.

- Please join me in giving thanks to God for the people who serve on the Diocesan Council, for their generosity of time, and their expertise.
- Give thanks for the people of Howrah, especially Helen Philips and Ed Cavanaugh.
- Give thanks for the peaceful nature of our democratic system of electing a government.

Please pray:

- For the people of Howrah as they think about making disciples in their community. Pray that God would give them confidence in his power and his character. Pray especially for their new Alpha Course in South Arm beginning soon.
- For the Diocesan Council meeting this coming Thursday.
- That our flood assistance would get to the right people.
- That the leaders in the UK and the EU will work out clear next steps.
- That the federal election next week will yield a good and stable government for Australia.

Richard

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A Faithful Woman

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbour jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "Praise the Lord! He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. PRAISE THE LORD!!"



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

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" ascends to God for his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:20 ^{NLT}

O God,
You have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praise for:

- † Release of the kidnapped Australian & New Zealand miners in Nigeria. Pray for the recovery of those injured
- † Our system of government and the we will continue to have a peaceful democracy

Pray for:

- † Our newly elected Federal MPs
- † Students and teachers would have a restful holiday break
- † Louise Brown who has been in LGH again after a mild stroke. Pray that she would fully recover and doctors would diagnose the problem quickly
- † Local Ministry Support Team as they meet tomorrow
- † Our dairy farmers as they battle to survive the aftermath of floods and lower milk prices
- † Turkey and other countries under attack from IS extremists
- † Samaritan's Purse as they launch Operation Christmas Child this Saturday

Continue to pray for:

- † James, Josh, Roger & Anne
- † Tim & Emma serving in SE Asia
- † New people to join our Parish
- † Family & friends who do not know God
- † Pray daily for everyone who has ongoing health issues, especially: †Margot
 - †Rona †Bill & Bev †Robin
 - †Dick & Jo †Joan Wilkins †Connie
 - †Roger & Julianne †Alison †Marie
 - †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Marilyn Gee
 - †Trish, Louise & Issy †Peter Bennett
 - †Alex & Margaret †Val & Pat

What's going on?

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Launch - This Saturday 9th July, 10 to 11am at Punchbowl Christian Centre, 100 Punchbowl Road, followed by morning tea. RSVP to Josie 6334 1852 before 6th July

Crafty Circle - Thursday 14th July, 10:00am in St David's hall

City Mission Winter Food Frenzy - Let's try to collect 1000 long-life food items before July 31st. All food collected is provided to families in need

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 31st July at St Aidan's East Launceston. Bring a plate of finger food to share in fellowship & lunch together after the service

Bible Society Upcoming Events

On Wednesday 31 August, Dr John Dickson will be giving a public talk called Doubting the Bible. This is a Free Event.

On Thursday 1 September we will be hosting a breakfast for Christian leaders with Dr John Dickson and Simon Smart.

On Thursday 1 September, Richard Shumack will be giving a public talk called What is true Islam, and who is my Muslim neighbour? This is a Free Event.

Register of Volunteers

If you make a voluntary contribution to the Parish please write your name and duties on one of the forms currently displayed on notice boards in the church or hall

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 6th July

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

Sunday 10th July

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

Home Groups

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| Igglesden's | Tuesday 1:45pm |
| Pedley's | In recess until 26 th July |
| St Oswald's | Wednesday 7:30pm |



Be thankful for the little things,
If you can talk awhile with somebody
you love to see,
take pleasure in their smile and
share the laughter in their voice -
be thankful and let your heart rejoice