

Dear Friends,

Last week I had some great meetings: one discussing the Diocesan Training Event we are planning for October 29, one on the future of ministry in the Midlands, and the Diocesan Council meeting in Campbell Town on Thursday.

We all went to the polls at the weekend, and we are now waiting for the result. Despite all the politics we can give thanks to God for both the freedom and peace we have in this democracy, and (far more importantly) the sure knowledge that God still rules the world and whoever we elect leads us under Him.

Please give thanks to God:

- For a country where we can elect a new government in peace, and without fear.
- For faithful ministry across the state
- And especially for the people who serve on our Diocesan Council.

As we pray for our new government remember these words from 1 Tim. 2:1-4 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Please pray for:
- The new government, that they would lead us in quietness, peace, godliness and dignity.
- That this country may be one where many may be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.

- For our growth in disciple-making ministries in the Diocese, and for the Training Event on this topic in October.
- For the Midlands parishes as they think and pray about their future.
- For the Diocesan Council, that the decisions they have made will help grow the kingdom here in Tasmania.

PS – I am taking a week's annual leave with Helen and the kids. Pray for refreshment for us. (It will mean no Monday prayers next week!)

Richard

The Right Revd Dr Richard Condie
Bishop of Tasmania



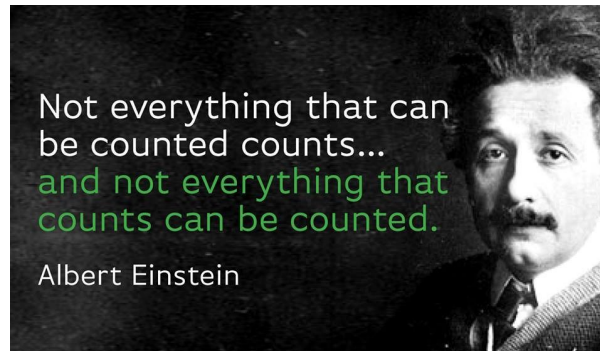
Cremation

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over KMart.

"KMart?" the preacher exclaimed, "Why K-Mart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters will visit me twice a week."



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

If you are having trouble, you should pray.
And if you are feeling good, you should sing praises.
If you are sick, ask the church leaders to come and pray for you. Ask them to put olive oil on you in the name of the Lord. If you have faith when you pray for sick people, they will get well. The Lord will heal them, and if they have sinned, he will forgive them.

James 5: 13-15 ^{CEV}

O Lord, we beseech you
mercifully to receive the prayers of your
people who call upon you,
and grant that they may both perceive and
know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully
to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praise for:

- † Controlling of the pain in Jan's ankle
- † Louise has finally been able to return to her own home after staying with Trish for several weeks. Continue to pray for Louise as she still suffers severe back pain
- † Improvement in Alex's hand movements
- † Home group leaders for their commitment to showing us more about Christ

Pray for:

- † Today is Sea Sunday. Pray for the 1.5 million Seafarer's around the globe, & the Seafarer's Missions ministering to them in ports, especially at Bell Bay, Burnie, Hobart & Devonport
- † Our newly elected Federal politicians as they try to form government. Pray they would put the country and the people before personal and party policies
- † Peaceful solutions to all the chaos around the world
- † A speedy outcome for those waiting for insurance payouts in areas which have been flooded
- † Joan, Bev & Kathy who are still recovering
- † Those who are homeless in our community as the cold weather gets worse

Continue to pray for:

- † James, Josh, Roger & Anne
- † Tim & Emma serving in SE Asia
- † 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 †Trish, Louise & Issy

What's going on?

Sea Sunday Service - 2:30pm today at the Catholic Church in George Town to bless the Bell Bay Seafarer's Mission. Thank you to all who regularly donate beanies for the Mission, your gifts are very much appreciated

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

St Oswald's Fellowship Group - Wednesday 20th July at 2pm. Venue TBA

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. Please bring a plate of finger food to share in fellowship & lunch together after the service

Beanie Day - Friday 5th August Beanie Day is part of Homelessness Prevention Week for the City Mission. Wear your favourite beanie (or scarf/gloves) and make a gold coin donation to help the homeless in our communities

Bible Society Upcoming Events

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

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

Also on Thursday 1st 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

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Monday 11th July

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 13th July


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

Sunday 17th July

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

Home Groups

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

Happy birthday to
Norma Barwick - 13th July 

May God grant you friendship and warm love within your home. May he surround you in the quiet peace that's found in him alone. May his hand lead you to laughter, and his love dry every tear, as you sense his presence in your life more deeply every year.