

Dear Friends,

Last week I was able to attend an excellent conference on Pastoral Care and Same-Sex Attraction with some other clergy from the Diocese. The main speaker Dr Wesley Hill, is a same-sex attracted Christian who seeks to live out the Bible's traditional teaching of celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in marriage. You can view/listen to his public lectures: www.ridley.edu.au/resources Well worth the investment of time. On Sunday I was able to worship with the congregation of St Mark's on the Hill in South Launceston, where I conducted the first confirmation in 17 years (six people), and with the good folk of the Parish of West Tamar in Exeter. Both were terrific services. I am so encouraged by the faithfulness of God's people.

Please give thanks to God for:

- Wes Hill and the ministry he is doing in Melbourne and around the world.
- The church that is a welcoming place to all.
- The Parishes of St Mark's and West Tamar.

Please pray for:

- The church to continue to reform itself with the scriptures.
- Fr Steve Howard and the Parish of St Mark's, and especially the confirmees, that they will grow in Christ.
- The ministry team and people of West Tamar as they hold out the light of Christ in their communities.
- Ministry spouses who do a lot of unseen support in the background.
- Each one of us to walk boldly in the light of Christ.

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Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes said: "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson said, "I see millions and millions of stars". Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologic, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes: "Somebody stole our tent."

A man with no arms went to a guitar shop. He sees a guitar and asks the owner of the establishment, "How much for this one?"

The owner replies, "\$300. If you don't mind me asking, how are you going to use it?"

The man replies, "I'll just play it by ear..."



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"I don't know all Ten Commandments.
The only ones I remember are 'settle down',
'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."



14th August

News for the Pews

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**Growing a community of faith
committed to Christ and making him known**

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

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5,6 ^{NIV}

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life;
give us grace that we may always thankfully
receive the benefits of his sacrifice,
and also daily endeavor to follow the
blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praise for:

- † Cathy & Norman's commitment to the Share Jesus Without Fear training. Continue to pray for all participants in the coming weeks
- † Cursillo - for the blessing of new people and the great teaching presented at Ulverstone

Pray for:

- † Riverlinks Together in two weeks and for the Parish annual meeting to follow. Pray for God's leading so that the decisions made will bring glory to his name. Pray for Greg, Ken & Anne as they finalise papers in preparation for the meeting
- † The Project SAM team preparing for their trip to Thailand next month. Pray they would sell out their dinner tickets & raise additional funds to bless the Mae La camp refugees
- † The Supa Group meeting at lunchtime on Fridays in RPS. Pray for the leaders and children as they look at God's word
- † The small group of children attending the Good News group after school on Fridays in St David's hall, and for Stephanie as she leads them
- † People in detention centres, especially young people. Pray for successful rehabilitation and for compassionate treatment. Pray for those who seek work in the centres, for their safety and for a great sense of compassion and rightness in their treatment of those in their charge

Continue to pray daily for:

- † Colleen, Jo, Jenny, Aileen & Alan
- † James, Josh, Anne & Roger
- †Margot †Robin †Rona †Bill & Bev
- †Dick & Jo †Joan Wilkins †Alison
- †Roger & Julianne †Connie †Marie
- †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Trish, Louise & Issy
- †Tim & Emma, Sophie & Jake

What's going on?

St Oswald's Fellowship Group - Wednesday 17th August, 2pm at Joan Wilkins' home

Project SAM Thailand Fundraising Dinner - Saturday 27th August from 6pm. Hear how God is working in Thailand and how youth from our churches are engaging in mission. Tickets \$45 from the Parish office

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 28th August, 10am at St David's, Riverside. Please bring a plate of finger food to share in fellowship & lunch together after the service

Parish Annual Meeting - Following Riverlinks Together on Sunday 28th August, at St David's, Riverside

Doubting The Bible - a public talk by Dr John Dickson. Wednesday 31st August, 7 to 8:30pm at Door Of Hope. Gold coin donation

Mission for Everyone

Not everyone can go to Thailand, but we can all support those embarking on a mission from our parish.

A Project SAM (Service And Mission group from Riverlinks will be going to Thailand.

To this end instead of our normal shared luncheon on the 3rd Sunday every second month we are holding **a bring and share lunch at St David's on Sunday the 21st August**, commencing at 12.30 pm.

We are asking a small donation of \$10 per head for those attending as a fundraiser to assist with expenses.

Please bring either a main course or sweet. All very welcome

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

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Wednesday 17th August

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

Thursday 18th August

10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 21st August

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

Home Groups

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm

St Oswald's Wednesday 7:30pm

* Pedley's & St O's home groups attending "Share Jesus Without Fear" on Tuesday nights during August

Only Once

This way I wont pass again
For this is now and that was then
And every step of every day
Is past as soon as it's gone away
So every move, don't take too fast
For once it's taken it is past.