Dear Friends,

Last week I went to Prison twice. Once to meet with the Director of Prisons whose department fund our chaplains. We were in for our annual review meeting. Second was to attend a service in both the women's and men's prisons. I had the privilege of baptizing a woman who had given her life to the Lord a few months ago. Her witness was a very sweet testimony to God's grace. I was surprised to learn that among the 200 inmates in the men's low security prison, 19 attend a weekly bible study! Better than the national average! This is great and it was a joy to see our chaplains in action there. On Sunday I was in Ulverstone and at the Men's Cursillo final service.

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- The funding of Prison Chaplaincy, and the freedom we have to enter into the prisons with the love of Christ.
- Our chaplains (who meet together this Wednesday in Campbell Town), and especially this week for Luke, Craig and Di who work in the Prisons, and for the Prison Fellowship workers as well.
- P who has given her life to Christ and was baptized.
- The Parish of Ulverstone and their plans to employ an outreach/ youth worker.
- The men who completed Cursillo this weekend.

#### Please pray:

- For P that she will grow in Christ, and for Pat her mentor.
- For David Blyth and Jeanette Brett at Ulverstone that they would lead people well to maturity in Christ.
- That the Cursillo movement will bless our church communities.
- That the men of Cursillo 30 will continue to grow in Christ.
- That our chaplains will be encouraged in their meeting together on Wednesday.

Warm wishes,

Richard

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#### Healthy Hilarity

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

After a check up, a doctor asked his patient, "Is there anything you'd like to discuss?"

"Well," said the patient, "I was thinking about getting a vasectomy."

"That's a big decision," said the doctor. "Have you talked it over with your family?"

"Yes, we took a vote ... and they're in favour of it 15 to 2."



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"



21st 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

Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on him. Psalm 62:5 CEV

Creator God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you:
teach us to offer ourselves to your service,
that here we may have your peace,
and in the world to come may see you
face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

#### Praise for:

- The young athletes in Rio de Janeiro who have acknowledged the Lord amidst all the hype and adulation of the Olympic games
- The impending closure of the Manus Island detention centre. Pray for the remaining asylum seekers there as they are rehoused

#### Pray for:

- ⊕ Good support for our bring & share luncheon today, for great fellowship and for a goodly sum to be raised for Project SAM
- Parish annual meeting to follow. Pray for God's leading so that the decisions made will bring glory to his name. Pray especially for Greg, Anne & Ken as they prepare, and for all those who have been nominated as Parish Councilors and Wardens
- ⊕ Continue to pray for the "Share Jesus Without Fear" group. Pray for Cathy & Norman as they present, and for each participant to eagerly follow through the challenges
- Project SAM Mission to Thailand, that the team would have all their preparations go smoothly. Pray that the Lord would go ahead of the group and bring peace to the country for the duration of their stay
- Chaplains Lindy & Tommy as they minister in the local schools, and for the RHS LCC as they meet this week

### Continue to pray daily for:

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

## What's going on?

**Bring & Share luncheon** - commencing at 12.30 pm TODAY at St David's to raise funds for the Project SAM Mission Team headed to Thailand in September. We suggest a donation of \$10 per head for those attending. Please bring either a main course or sweet. All very welcome

**Crafty Circle** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 10:00am in St David's hall

Project SAM Thailand Fundraising Dinner - This 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** - Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, at St David's, Riverside

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

What it true Islam and who is my Muslim neighbour? - a free public talk by Richard Shumack on Thursday 1st September

School Chaplaincy Networking Event - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 4:30 to 6:30pm at Legana Christian Church. There will be a launch of the updated Spirituality Toolbox and opportunity to share with other school chaplaincy committees. All welcome, RSVP to Stephanie 0427 553 424

#### Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 24th August

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

Sunday 28th August

10:00 am Riverlinks Together with Holy Communion at St David's

11:30 am Parish Annual Meeting

#### Home Groups

lgglesden'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

There is a legend about a woman who prayed to God for patience. In answer she received nothing but trouble. She then said to the Lord, "I did not pray for trouble, I prayed for patience."

The Lord answered her, "How else will you learn patience, or even know you have it?" Growing in the love of God with its concomitant joy and peace is possible only as we let that love be tested by the hard things of life, and so the love bears fruit of eventempered patience, kindness and gentleness.

Anna Mow