

Dear Friends,

Last week I met with the Hartz Ministry Council (a fresh expression working with the horse community in southern Tasmania). It was so encouraging to learn that they have recently held two services in Sandfly, and that several unchurched folk have come along, and a few other good news stories. On Wednesday I met with the Senior Minister's cohort in Ross, and we had a great day talking about ministry together. I chaired the Boards of Clarendon and Anglican Health and Welfare on Thursday, who are both doing such great work supporting chaplains. On Sunday I worshipped with the folk at St James' Montagu Bay and St Aidan's Lindisfarne, who are currently seeking a new Rector. I great time dreaming with the Parish Council about their ministry future.

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- The Hartz ministry reaching out into the community
- Our Senior ministers who are leading so well.
- The work of Clarendon and AH&W
- The Parish of Lindisfarne and especially the Revds Honor Yearsley and David Lewis (the locum).

Please pray:

- For Hartz Ministries to gain more prayer and financial partners, and for more and more people to come to their monthly services in Sandfly.
- That the ongoing legacy of Clarendon and AH&W would be used well.
- That God would raise up a new incumbent for Lindisfarne, who is full of gospel drive and passion.
- For our broken world – I am thinking especially of Aleppo in Syria and Amatrice in Italy.

Richard

The Right Revd Dr Richard Condie
Bishop of Tasmania



For the Fathers

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. *Mark Twain*

I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother.

I got all my looks from my father.

Mostly just the look of disappointment.

The family was viewing old slides and one flashed on the screen that caught everyone's attention. My father, wearing his favourite golf shirt, was holding me at the tender age of three weeks.

The look on his face told all. "There's my prize possession," my father said.

Touched, I smiled at him as he continued, "I wonder whatever happened to that golf shirt?"

My Dad rarely dresses up, so when he left the bedroom decked out in a suit and tie, he wanted to commemorate the moment.

Handing me a camera, he asked, "Mind taking a selfie of me?"

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**



4th

September

News for the Pews

RIVERLINKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

**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

Let us praise God for

- ♦ fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children
- ♦ fathers who, despite lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father themselves
- ♦ fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support
- ♦ fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives
- ♦ fathers who freely choose to love and support adopted children and step-children as their own
- ♦ men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own
- ♦ men who have 'fathered' us in their role as mentors & guides
- ♦ fathers who have died, but live on in our memory, and whose love continues to nurture us

Let us pray for

- ♦ fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart
- ♦ fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children

The godly walk with integrity: blessed are their children who follow them.

Proverbs 20:7^{NLT}

Praise for:

- † Riverlinks Together and the Parish annual meeting last Sunday. Praise for the hard decisions made on what is a very emotive and contentious issue
- † The discussions held during the meeting and the way they were conducted, and for the unity achieved in the process
- † Project SAM team are close to achieving the financial support they need for the Thailand trip. Thank you to all who have contributed
- † The safe arrival of Ian & Robyn's grandson

Pray for:

- † An increase in financial giving so that mission giving can be reinstated into our budget
- † People to step out in faith, recognise and take up opportunities in sharing the good news of Jesus our Saviour
- † The work of the Barnabas Fund for the persecuted church, and for all Christians suffering persecution for their faith
- † All those who are ill & suffering from aches and pains, especially Aileen, Alan, Ann, Colleen, Jenny, Jo, & Kaye
- † Our local school Chaplains Tommy & Lindy. Pray they would be encouraged through their interactions with both students and teachers as they shine Jesus' light in the school communities

Continue to pray daily for:

- † Project SAM team as they finalise details in preparation for the Thailand mission trip
- † James, Josh, Anne & Roger
- † Pray daily for those with ongoing need
 - † 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?

School Chaplaincy Networking Event - This Wednesday 7th September, 4:30pm 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

TLM "Advocating for those with disability" - Wednesday 14th September, 10am at Legana Christian Church. Morning tea and Pam Lake will speak on Timor Leste. Donation to advocate for those with disability in Timor Leste, and a trade table will be available. RSVP to Judith 6327 2868 or Bev 6330 1222

CMS Tasmania Mission support lunch & AGM - Saturday 17th September, 12 noon for 12:30 at St Aidan's East Launceston. Cost: \$15 adult/\$10 child under 12/\$50 family. Come and enjoy a Southeast Asian feast, hear updates from our ministry workers overseas and our plans for the future. RSVP by Monday 12th September to tas@cms.org.au or Anita Booker 0417922390

Preaching Workshop with Mike Raiter - Monday 19th September at St John's Anglican Church, St John Street Launceston from 9.30am to 1pm. Morning tea will be provided but please BYO lunch if you'd like to stay and chat with Mike or other attendees at the conclusion. Register online: goo.gl/wfk7ty

Teaching Children Effectively Course - Mon/Wed/Fri 9am to 3pm 26th September to 7th October at Punchbowl Christian Fellowship. Enquiries to Stephanie 0400 971767

Tasmanian Bible Forum - Saturday 8th October, 9:45am to 3pm at St Aidan's East Launceston. Bishop Richard Condie will speak, 3 talks on 2 Peter: A Precious Faith. Cost \$20 includes morning tea & lunch. Register with the Parish office by Monday 3rd October

Next Riverlinks Together - Sunday 9th

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 7th September

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

Sunday 11th September

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

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
Joan Wilkins - 5th September



All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised. Galatians 3:26-29 ^{CEV}