

Dear Friends,

On Saturday a crowd turned out for the Tasmanian Bible Forum at Battery Point. We had a great day grappling with 2 Peter together. A repeat of this will be held in Burnie on September 24<sup>th</sup>, and in Launceston on October 8<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday I worshipped with the saints at St James' Ranelagh, and we had a terrific morning thinking about the lost sheep and the lost coin. Last week the Primate circulated a letter on the Marriage plebiscite. I think it is a good letter, acknowledging the place of the church in Australian society which is changing, but also upholding Anglican teaching about marriage.

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- The Tasmanian Bible Forum, and the opportunity we have to gather around the word.
- The Parish of the Huon and the ministry going on there.
- Our Primate and his clear statement on marriage and the plebiscite.

Please pray:

- That Tasmanian Anglicans would love to take up the opportunity to hear God's word expounded, and that the next two Bible Forums would be overflowing. That those who come will put what they hear into action.
- That God would strengthen John McQuillan and the team at Huon to lead well, and reach the lost sheep in their community. Pray for good decisions about the future of the building in Geeveston.
- For our government as they debate the plebiscite legislation this week.
- For the protection of vulnerable people in our community, especially those struggling with sexual and gender identity, as this discussion unfolds.
- For our country to respectfully and carefully discuss the changes being proposed.

Warm wishes

Richard



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## Footy Fools

Hi friends,

A mate of mine has two tickets for the 2016 AFL Grand final but he didn't realise when he bought them that it's going to be on the same day as his wedding, so he can't go.

If you're interested and want to go instead of him, it's at St John's Church in Launceston. Her name is Louise.

I'm off to the footy with my mate.

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Three men all die at the same time and end up at the pearly gates where Albert Einstein is waiting for them. The first chap approached and Albert asks him, "What is your IQ, my good man?"

"180" the chap replies.

"Ah excellent. We can participate in meaningful and articulate discussions with my mates Plato and Newton about the Theory of Relativity, Chaos Theory, Astrophysics and the Theory of Everything. We will have much to discuss. You may enter."

The second fellow approached the gate and Albert asks him the same question. "150" was the reply.

"Ah good. We can discuss the fascinating subjects of History, Philosophy, Economics and Sociology. We will have much to discuss. You may enter."

The third chap approaches the gate nervously.

"Now my good man, what is your IQ?"

"70" the third man replies sheepishly. To which Albert replies ... "How about those 'Pies, hey?"



18<sup>th</sup>  
September

## News for the Pews

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

The king will answer,  
"Whenever you did it for any of my people,  
no matter how unimportant they seemed,  
you did it for me."  
Matthew 25:40 <sup>CEV</sup>

Loving Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that  
what we do for the least of our brothers and  
sisters we do also for him:  
give us the will to be the servant of others as  
he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
and yet lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Praise for:

- † Safe arrival of new babies into two of our church families: a grandson for Colleen & John, and a great-grandson for Jo & Dick
- † CMS annual meeting yesterday at St Aidan's was very encouraging. Praise also for the opportunity to hear more from Rolf today
- † Beautiful Spring bulbs flowering

## Pray for:

- † The RMST and Parish Council, for wisdom and godliness in all they do
- † Missionaries worldwide as they minister to the lost sheep of this world
- † Project SAM team as they make their final preparations ready to fly out on Friday. Pray especially that Elizabeth would have no issues with her diet, and that the team would have the access they need to the camp to fully utilize their time in teaching & sharing God's love
- † Upcoming Seniors Week activities at both St David's and St Oswald's
- † That the new door into St Oswald's would be completed very soon
- † City Mission and the many programs they have in place to minister & share the Gospel. Pray for their workers, especially in areas where there is danger, for their protection, courage & encouragement

## Continue to pray daily for:

- † Aileen, Alan, Ann, Colleen, Jenny, Jo & Kaye
- † Increased giving to meet our financial goals
- † 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?

**Preaching Workshop with Mike Raiter** - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 through the Parish Office office@stjohns.net.au or 6331 4896

**Bibles for the World Dinner** - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 6:30pm at Kings Meadows Lions Club, 18 Merino Street, Kings Meadows. Presented by Gideons International, RSVP to Dennis Eyes 0448 888 367. Dinner supplied by Gideon members, and a freewill offering will be taken on the night with proceeds going toward the purchase of scriptures for disadvantaged countries

**Farewell Luncheon for Bishop Ross** and Mrs Jenny Nicholson on Sunday 25 September, from 12noon in the Parish Centre (157 St John St, Launceston). RSVP by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September to St John's Parish Office office@stjohns.net.au or call 6331 4896

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

**Tasmanian Bible Forum** - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. This is a great opportunity to hear Bp Richard speak. Don't miss out, book your place with the Parish office by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Next Riverlinks Together** - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town when Bishop Richard Condie will be sharing with us

## Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

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

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## Home Groups

Iggesden's	Tuesday 1:45pm
Pedley's	Tuesday 7:30pm
St Oswald's	Wednesday 7:30pm

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## Do you have key #A6?

Are you currently holding a key which belongs to someone else?

In order to maintain correct security measures, we need to know who is in possession of which key number.

So if you have lent, borrowed or swapped a key with someone at any stage would you please contact the Parish office asap?



Happy birthday to  
**Naomi Skeat - 19<sup>th</sup> September**