

Uphold the Project SAM team in Thailand

David, James, Naomi, Kerrie, Elizabeth, Monique
Sunday 25th - First full day in the village of Mae Sot, pray for quick acclamation to culture, weather, and environment. Rest and refreshment to prepare for the week ahead. Safety and protection in all that we do.

Monday 26th - Drive 50 km to and from Mae La refugee camp. Pray for good rapport with teachers & students as we begin teaching English.

Tuesday 27th - As we work in pairs in classrooms, pray for clear presentation & good understanding.

Wednesday 28th - Pray for God's light within us to shine brightly and that we are sensitive to opportunities to share the Good News.

Thursday 29th - Pray for favour with Thai military who run the camp, that we would not be hindered in any way from fulfilling the purpose we came for.

Friday 30th - Pray for much joy in learning, retentive memories and creative insights by team to meet the needs we see.

Saturday Oct 1st - Good team bonding, relaxation and time to explore our cross cultural setting.

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... chase greatness

Just for laughs

A pirate walked into a bar, and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well," said the pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

The bartender replied, "Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook but I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh," said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and one of them pooped in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender. "You couldn't lose an eye just from bird poop."

"It was my first day with the hook."

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

Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them.

Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them.

Matthew 6:19,20^{CEV}

O God,
you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praise for:

- † Lighter rains this Spring time after the very wet Winter we have had
- † All the travelers have returned safely from their trips away

Pray for:

- † Robin who has not been well
- † Project SAM team as they travel, teach & minister in Thailand - see back page
- † Josh, Lachlan & Caleb; Sally, Emily, Sophy & Felix; while Naomi, Elizabeth & James are away
- † All Parishes without ministers and those who are awaiting the appointment of new rectors
- † Students & teachers starting holidays. Pray they will be rested and restored ready for term 4
- † Uni & college students preparing for exams
- † Josh as he opens St Oswald's to the public with a Pokemon Go Stop each fortnight
- † Samaritan's Purse staff and volunteers as they prepare for collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes during October. Pray for the children who receive these boxes and that they would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- † Seniors Week functions being held in the Parish

Continue to pray daily for:

- † Those still recovering from health issues
- † 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?

Farewell Luncheon for Bishop Ross & Jenny Nicholson from 12noon today in St John's Parish Centre (157 St John St, Launceston)

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. This is a great opportunity to hear Bp Richard speak. Don't miss out, book your place with the Parish office by Monday 3rd October

Scripture Union Future Makers Dinner - Saturday 8th October at Punchbowl Christian Centre. Tickets \$50 from Helen Boughton, RSVP by Monday 3rd October

Next Riverlinks Together - Sunday 9th October, 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town when Bishop Richard Condie will be sharing with us, and there will be a shared BBQ lunch following the service

Seniors Week Healing service - Wednesday 12th October includes a guest speaker

Diabetes Education Seminar - Friday 14th October, 10am to 3pm at St David's Riverside. Gold coin donation, lunch included

The National Church Life Survey will be conducted in the Parish during October. If you expect to be away please speak to a member of the LMST to arrange for a survey form to be completed early. www.2016ncls.org.au

West Tamar Floral Festival - Saturday 22nd October, 9:30am to 3pm at Holy Trinity Beaconsfield. Display of floral art, fair stalls, morning teas & more. All welcome

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 28th September

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

Sunday 2nd October

- 10:00 am Holy Communion 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
John Doherty - 25th September
Anne Doherty - 28th September

May you always have ...

Walls for the winds

A roof for the rain

Tea beside the fire

Laughter to cheer you

Those you love near you

And all your heart might desire

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What it means to really love

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Some of the greatest insights on what it means to love someone come from the pen of the apostle Paul: ‘Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.’
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‘When we were young you used to snuggle up to me,’ Mary said. Even more slowly, John’s body creaks and turns, nestling against her.

‘When we were young you used to nibble on my ear,’ she whispered.

Abruptly he throws back the covers and jumps out of bed. Bewildered, Mary asks, ‘Where are you going?’

‘To get my teeth!’ he grumbles.

To nibble on an ear when you’re full of romance and bubbling hormones is one thing. To nibble on that same ear years later when it holds a hearing aid, when the scent in the air is Vicks VapoRub, and when you have to get up to get your teeth—that’s love!

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