

Bishop Richard's Praise & Prayer Points

Dear Friends,

Last week, after regular meetings, Helen and I took an extra day off work and drove up to the north-west, visiting the tulip farm at table cape, and driving to the west coast and through the Tarkine. Giving thanks to God for the beautiful part of the world in which we live! On Saturday I spoke at my third and final Bible Forum for the year at St Aidan's in Launceston. Sunday was spent with the Riverlinks parish in George Town. It was a great time of gathering everyone together for worship. Last week we also advertised a number of ministry vacancies in the Diocese.

Give thanks:

- For the beauty of the earth and God's gracious kindness to us.
- For the many folk who have grappled with 2 Peter throughout the state in the last 6 weeks at the Bible Forums.
- For the ministry of Riverlinks and the team who lead it.

Please pray:

- That the Bible Forums will grow in 2017 with more and more Tasmanians eager to learn the Word. Pray that the people who heard 2 Peter will put it into practice.
- For the Riverlinks team to grow their ministry of disciple-making in the future.
- That many people will express interest in ministering in Tasmania with us.
- For the clergy conference to be held this week in the Tamar Valley (Wed-Fri), that it would be a time of encouragement and building up, and would result in more gospel effectiveness in our churches.

Richard

Bad Habits

Two nuns were shopping. As they passed by a liquor store, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered, "Indeed it would, sister, but I wouldn't feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout."

"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied, and she picked up a six-pack and headed for the checkout. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer.

"We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "Back at the convent we call it catholic shampoo".

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a packet of pretzels and placed them in the bag with the beer. Looking the nun straight in the eye, he smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house."

Pat is not feeling very well and he decides to go to a doctor.

While he is waiting in the doctor's reception room, a nun comes out of the doctor's office. She looks very ashen, drawn and haggard.

Pat goes into the doctor's office and says to the doctor: "I just saw a nun leaving who looked absolutely terrible. I have never seen a woman look worse."

The doctor says: "I just told her that she is pregnant."

Pat exclaims: "Oh my, is she?"

The doctor responds: "No, but it sure cured her hiccups."



16th October

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

**My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage
to enter the most holy place by a new way
that leads to life! And this way takes us
through the curtain that is Christ himself.**

Hebrews 10: 19,20 ^{CEV}

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us a new and living
way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to
worship you in spirit and in truth;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Praise for:

- † Safe return of the Project SAM team from the mission to Mai-La refugee camp Thailand
- † Great teaching & fellowship last weekend with Bp Richard at both Riverlinks Together in George Town and the TBF at St Aidan's
- † Seniors Week functions held & the links these build to people in our community. Well done Jenny & her team
- † Rain which has filled the dams

Pray for:

- † The people of Haiti following hurricane Matthew, and areas of South Carolina in the US which have been flooded
- † The people of Aleppo in Syria, that military forces will stop bombing hospitals
- † Margaret who is having a hip replacement in the near future, & for Alex as he completes his chemo
- † Robin would be encouraged and uplifted
- † Following Mental Health Week last week that we would all be more aware of those around us with mental health issues, especially those known to us personally - may they find the treatments and peace of mind they so dearly need
- † Congregations of St Oswald's and St David's for daily encouragement and growth
- † Margaret Spurio as she and Vince travel to Italy

Continue to pray daily for:

- † Increased giving to meet our financial goals
- † Josh, James & Anne
- † Pray daily for those with ongoing needs
 - †Margot †Robin †Rona †Bill & Bev
 - †Dick & Jo †Joan Wilkins †Alison
 - †Roger & Julianne †Connie †Marie
 - †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Trish, Louise & Issy
 - †Tim & Emma, Sophie & Jake †Bill & Jan

What's going on?

Shared Luncheon - 12:30pm TODAY at June Hazzlewoods home, 113 Cormiston Road, Riverside. June says there is ample parking in her yard so no need to park on the road. Naomi Skeat will attend to talk about the Project SAM trip to Thailand. We urge all members possible to attend to hear about the group doing God's work in Thailand

St Oswald's Fellowship Group - 2pm this Wednesday 19th October at Jenny's home, discussing the 2017 World Day of Prayer

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

Confident Disciple Making - A Diocesan training event on Saturday 29th October, 10am to 5pm at St Michael's Collegiate School, Hobart. Guest speakers, interactive sessions, workshops, resource, food, fun & fellowship! For Clergy & Lay people. Book online bishop431.wixsite.com/diocesantraining2016 or by contacting the Diocesan office 62202020

Church Christmas Lunch - Monday 28th November at the Trevallyn Bowls Club. Two course lunch approx. \$30. RSVP to Mary 63316568 or the Parish office by 20th Nov

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

Mission Boxes - October is collection time for BCA & Leprosy Mission boxes. If you have not passed your boxes for counting yet, please bring them in to the Parish office by Sunday 30th October

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Wednesday 19th October

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

Thursday 20th October

- 10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 23rd October

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

Home Groups

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

Every now and again take a good look at something not made with hands - a mountain, a star, the turn of a stream.

There will come to you wisdom and patience and solace and, above all, the assurance that you are not alone in the world.

Sydney Lovett

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11:36 ^{NIV}