

The Christ Candle

The Christ Candle is lit on Christmas Eve to celebrate the imminent birth of Christ. It is where hope, love, joy, and peace converge. Our waiting and anticipating is over; the salvation of the world has begun.

Take time to reflect and act on the themes of hope, love, joy and peace and how they relate to the birth of Jesus.

For example, perform a random act of kindness for someone, spend some time delighting in nature, or take time to simply be still and sit in silence.



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Jan, Mary & Anne would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas.

May the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the joy of the angels, and the peace of
the Christ-child
be God's gift to us & to people everywhere,
this Christmas and always. Amen.



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THIS YEAR, FOR NEW YEARS, I AM
RESOLVING TO DO ALL SORTS OF BAD
THINGS SINCE I NEVER EVER STICK TO MY
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

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

Christmas Day

Christmas means a blessing for you
May Jesus, your Saviour,
Who was born on Christmas Day,
Bless you at this season
In a very special way ...
May the beauty and the promise
Of that silent, holy night,
Fill your heart with peace and happiness,
And make your New Year bright.

*A child has been born for us.
We have been given a son
who will be our ruler.
His names will be Wonderful Advisor
and Mighty God,
Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6 CEV*



Praise for:

- † Time together with family during Christmas
- † Volunteers who are giving up their time today to help make the day an enjoyable one for others at the Launceston City Community Christmas
- † Our worship leaders and Clergy as they minister to us all at Christmas services everywhere

Pray for:

- † Emily Oakley as she undergoes surgery tomorrow. Pray for the family as they support her, and for her orthopedic surgeon. Praise that she has been able to rest at home while she waits and that the specialist surgeon is available to operate
- † Everyone travelling over the Christmas break would drive safely, patiently and carefully
- † All who are having holidays would have a peaceful and refreshing time
- † Peace & goodwill throughout the world
- † All those who are alone at Christmas time, that they would not be lonely but would have friends to share with when they need to
- † Those who are grieving, especially all who have lost loved ones this year and are facing their first Christmas without them
- † Missionaries who are serving in non-Christian countries
- † All who will spending Christmas in hospital
- † *Continue to pray for:*
- † Pray daily for those with ongoing needs
 - †Margot †Robin †Rona †Bill & Bev
 - †Dick & Jo †Joan Wilkins †Betty †Alison
 - †Roger & Julianne †Connie †Marie
 - †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Trish, Louise & Issy
 - †Tim & Emma, Sophie & Jake †Bill & Robert

What's going on?

Launceston City Community Christmas - 11am to 2pm TODAY at the Albert Hall. Delicious buffet meals, children's activities & more. For bookings, to support by volunteering, or to make a donation www.launcestoncommunitychristmas.com.au or call 6335 3000

SEE IN THE NEW YEAR WITH FLARES & FRIENDS

Once again we are holding a New Years dinner at St Oswald's hall to see in the new year, at least until the 9 pm fireworks. The date and time of course is 31st December to sit down for a meal at 6.30. Come later and you will miss the main.

The idea is for all to bring a main or sweet, enjoy one another's company and view the early fireworks

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR 2017

Harvest Festival - Sunday 5th February, 10am at St David's

Annual Diocesan SCC Training Day - Saturday 11th February in Launceston

Blooming Church Community Floral Festival - 10th to 12th February at St David's Cathedral, Hobart. "Growing community through creativity"

Launceston Easter Community Festival - 14th to 16th April, multiple programmes in various locations around the city

World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March, 10am at St Oswald's

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

9:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Each Wednesday

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

Sunday 1st January

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Sunday 8th January

10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's

Sunday 15th January

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Sunday 22nd January

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Sunday 29th January

10:30 am Riverlinks Together Holy Communion at Baxter's Farm, Pipers River

Home Groups

All Home Groups now in recess until February



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

JOAN COCKER - 31ST DECEMBER

GRANT SUTTAR - 31ST DECEMBER